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Traveller family can stay on land

A TRAVELLER family says they are delighted to have won their four-year battle to stay on land in a village near Oswestry.

Shropshire Council refused Jerry and Michelle Berry permission to live on land opposite Henlle Park Golf Club at Gobowen.

They appealed, and this week a planning inspector ruled that they could stay – temporarily. Inspector Richard McCoy said the family must move off the land after three years.

Mr McCoy said the three-year permission will allow Shropshire Council to provide an alternative site for the family and increase its supply of gypsy and traveller accommodation.

Mr Berry said he and his family, who have lived on the site since 2010 without planning permission, were delighted.

He said: “We are really happy that at last we have somewhere for the family to reside and we can get things moving and get the place looking like it should.”

“We want to get the place in good order and make it our family home. It has been difficult to get on with our lives and at last we have the decision we wanted.”

“There are conditions with it but we just wanted a place for us and the kids. We won’t expand it or have other families on there.”

Check clock - and alarm

PEOPLE in Oswestry and Welshpool are being urged to test their smoke alarms at the same time as they put their clocks forward this weekend.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service issued the advice ahead of the clocks changing at 2am on Sunday, saying it is the perfect time to check your alarm. It is part of a nationwide “Tick, Tock, Test” message from Fire Kills, a Government initiative to help reduce deaths and injuries from fire.

FINAL CHANCE IN WIND FARM FIGHT

by Sue Austin

THERE'S just one chance left for people to object over the prospect of heavy lorries travelling through their streets - as well as the possibility of pylons on nearby farmland.

Villages and towns will have to suffer abnormal loads travelling through their streets every day for the next five years if wind farms in Mid Wales get the go-ahead.

Yet they have just one chance to object to the year-long inquiry into whether planning permissions for five wind farms should be given the go-ahead, a campaigner has said.

An evening session of the inquiry will be held in Welshpool Town Hall on April 3 and the Montgomery Against Pylons campaign group is urging people to go along.

Jonathan Wilkinson, chairman of the group said the effects of the wind farms would be widespread, yet Thursday night was the only chance ordinary people had to make their fears known to Inspector Andrew Poulter.

During the continuing inquiry in Welshpool yesterday, Mr Poulter questioned whether the high voltage pylons were really necessary to carry the power from a substation planned at Cefn Coch, to the national grid line at Lower Frankton near Ellesmere. Mr Wilkinson, said: “Mr Poulter was of the view that it may be possible to carry the electricity on ordinary, double wood poles.”

Concerned

“We are urging ordinary members of the public, whether they are concerned about the wind farms generally, the traffic the construction will generate, or the proposed link from Cefn Coch into the National Grid to attend the evening session at Welshpool Town Hall on April 3 from 6pm-9pm.”

Last week the planning inquiry heard that the abnormal load lorries would travel from Ellesmere Port to wind farms in Mid Wales every day for three to five years.

Dyfed-Powys and West Mercia officers would work on rest days to provide an escort along the route which would go down the A483 past Oswestry, through the middle of Pant and Llanymynech, Welshpool, Newtown and onwards to one of the five planned wind farms. It is proposed to build farms in Llanbadarn Fynydd, Llandrindod Wells; Llaithddu, Newtown; Llandinam, Llanidloes; Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen.

“In effect it will be almost impossible for solicitors to provide criminal defence services to the public.

“Enough is enough and we will be joining our colleagues from probation in taking action next Monday and Tuesday.”

Double trouble at store opening



The Jones family at the Vision Express opening: Luke, Laura, Paul and Ben

TWINS Luke and Ben were the perfect team to cut the ribbon on a new Vision Express store in Oswestry this week.

For five-year-old Luke from Oswestry owes his life not only to his vigilant parents, but to skilled opticians who discovered that he had cancer.

Luke, his non-identical twin brother Ben and parents Laura and Paul Jones, joined store staff to declare the Vision Express

store in Bailey Street, Oswestry open. The family now campaign for the research and screening for a rare form of eye cancer.

They were invited to be the VIP guests to represent the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT), a nominated charity of Vision Express. Luke was diagnosed with an eye cancer called unilateral retinoblastoma at two which resulted in the removal of one of his eyes.

Calls to support meeting over speed

A CYCLIST who suffered debilitating injuries in an accident in Oswestry is calling on people to attend a public meeting next week.

Sarah Charlotte Peace is spearheading a campaign for a 20-mile an hour speed limit throughout Oswestry.

National campaigner Rod King, founder of the, 20's Plenty for Us Campaign, will be guest speaker at a meeting at The Dining Rooms in Welsh Walls, Oswestry on Monday.

He campaigns for 20mph to become the default speed limit on residential and urban streets.

More than 1,000 people have already backed the 20s Plenty Campaign by signing a petition calling Oswestry to become the first town in Shropshire to have a 20mph speed limit introduced.

Mrs Peace, 41, suffered serious leg injuries and post traumatic stress in the accident in Salop Road, Oswestry, in August 2012.

“I’m fresh out of a 15-day stay in hospital and recovering having undergone further rehabilitation for my injuries,” she said. “There are 40 plus attending this public meeting and there is hope that this number will continue to grow between now and Monday. A physical show of support on top of the already gained 1,000 plus signatures will certainly boost this campaign.”

St Martins clerk retires

A WOMAN who has served her local community for 17 years as parish clerk is to step down at the end of the month.

Sue Crow will be retiring as clerk of St Martins Parish Council, near Oswestry, at the end of March.

Edward Davies will be taking over the role from April 1.

Mrs Crow said: “I should like to thank all councillors, past and present for their support, and thank you to all the parishioners.”

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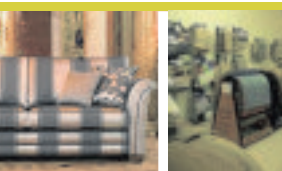
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Teachers' action affects hundreds of children

by Iain St John

HUNDREDS of children missed a day's education after staff at some schools in the Oswestry and Welsh border areas took industrial action yesterday.

Worst affected by the strikes were families in Pant after Bryn Offa Primary School, which has more than 130 pupils, had to close completely.

The area's Shropshire Councillor Arthur Walpole said he sympathised with parents who may have had to lose a day's pay to take care of their children but said he also understood the teachers' frustrations over their dispute over pay, pensions and conditions.

He said: "It is a difficult situation and the fact is parents don't have any choice in this matter and they are left with having to find a way to cope with it."

"It is really in the hands of the staff who are members of the unions and it really puts the schools at a disadvantageous position."

"These are difficult financial times and you can understand people may feel more strongly about taking industrial action over their pay and conditions."

"The strike and the loss of a day's education is an unfortunate consequence of all of this."

Woodside Primary School in Oswestry was partially affected with pupils whose teacher was taken in part in the strike asked not to attend school.

Weston Rhyn Primary School was also partially affected by the industrial action with three of the seven classes not in.

Industrial action was also taken by staff at some secondary schools.

Llanfyllin High School was partially open with classes running for pupils in year 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Powys county councillor and governor at Llanfyllin High School Peter Lewis said the decision by some teachers to strike would have been taken with "great reluctance".

He said: "I feel very sorry for parents who may have had to alter their work commitments to look after their children because of the industrial action."

"The staff at the school would have taken the decision to strike very reluctantly."

Nationally, tens of thousands of teachers walked out in a bitter row over pay and conditions in defiance of the Prime Minister's plea for them to call off the industrial action.

Union leaders describe the national walkout as a "last resort" as NUT members joined picket lines across the country.

The strike caused frustration for many parents across Shropshire and the rest of the country.

Plan for 32 new homes would be detrimental to West Felton

MORE than 20 objections have been lodged against plans to build homes in a village, with some opponents claiming the plans will "destroy" the rural community.

And parish councillors in West Felton have also voiced their concerns about the plans which could see up to 32 homes being built in the village.

The plans for the homes have been lodged for land between Twyford Lane and Holyhead Road in the village by applicants Mr TA Humphreys and Mr G Davies.

Papers lodged on behalf of the applicants say although the plans are a departure from development plans, they are sustainable and fit the National Planning Policy Framework which sets a presumption in favour of sustainable development.

They say the plans will also help to address the shortfall in housing land supply in Shropshire while bringing up to £800,000 to the area through community infrastructure levies, affordable homes contributions and from the New Homes Bonus.

And the plans will also provide funding for improvements to the village school.

However, many residents have objected to the outline plans.

Villager Ian Nicholas says in his objection: "If this proposal was to go ahead it would be detrimental to the village."

"This would lead to an increase in traffic, pollution and an increase in children attending an already overflowing school."

Meet James Bond's brother



Harry Craig, half brother of Daniel.



Daniel Craig in his role as James Bond.

THE half brother of this former Ellesmere College pupil is one of the most sought-after men in the world, a global superstar with millions in the bank and a film star wife.

But the younger brother of James Bond star Daniel Craig, 46, was until recently charging £15 an hour to take part in photo-shoots.

Harry Craig, 23, who

lives with father Tim at Hindford, in north Shropshire, can be seen in a range of poses as he models for specialist pictures, some of them semi-clothed.

Harry has reportedly posed for a number of publications featuring nude and fetish images and 'non-mainstream' models.

It is a far cry from the lifestyle enjoyed by his film star

brother, who will reportedly earn more than £30 million for his next two 007 movies and is married to actress Rachel Weisz.

Harry, who attended Ellesmere College until 2007, has also worked as a barman at Chester racecourse.

He said he spent two years modelling, but has now given up.

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Officers' vow over speeding drivers

POLICE in Oswestry say they will not hesitate to confiscate cars whose drivers use the town centre as a race track.

One car has already been impounded in recent days and other drivers have been warned or received official notices about their driving.

Officers say they are determined to stop the small minority of motorists' anti-social behaviour.

In 2010 Oswestry became known as a magnet for 'boy racers', with scores of cars congregating on the Central car park in the evenings. Police worked with the local authority at the time to close the car park in the evenings to dissuade the drivers from visiting the town. Now a smaller group of drivers meet up at the car park opposite Morrisons supermarket in Oswestry.

Sergeant Scott Barnes said that the majority of the drivers were sensible. But he said a minority were spoiling the atmosphere.

On March 17 the Oswestry Twitter feed said that a Black Vauxhall Corsa had been seized, warning, "Oswestry town is not a race circuit." Then on March 20 Sergeant Lee Johnson tweeted: "Another Sect ion 59 notice just issued to a young driver using the town as a race track."

Spring fair on Saturday

OSWESTRY'S Macmillan Cancer Support group will hold its spring fair on Saturday.

The Memorial Hall, Memorial Square, Oswestry, will host the fair, which will include stalls, bric-a-brac, tombola, toiletries plus cakes and preserves.

Former brickworks is given new lease of life

A former brickworks on the outskirts of Welshpool is enjoying a new lease of life thanks to investment by the owners who are on a mission to attract new businesses to set up there.

The Buttington Brickworks, owned by Border Hardcore Ltd has recently handed over the keys to a new 16,000 square feet storage facility on the site, which it has built for expanding logistics business Speed Welshpool, who hope to create 20 jobs in the next year.

The modern warehouse facility doubles the size of the warehousing that Speed Welshpool and haulage company Jack Trans lease from Border Hardcore.

The Hilditch family, which owns Border Hardcore, hopes the £200,000 unit will be the first of an ongoing expansion programme to bring new jobs to the seven acre former brickworks site, which closed in 1990.

The company believes the brown field, which is well screened and has good transport links, is ideally suited to general industry, storage and distribution and energy production enterprises, subject to planning consent.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies paid a visit to the site to see the new unit and welcomed the plans to redevelop the former brickworks and quarry site.

"The company has provided a great boost to the economy of Mid Wales by building the new unit for a successful local company and opening up their site for similar development in the future," he said.

"It's a site with huge potential and I hope Powys County Council will support the company's plans in whatever way it can."

The site is part of 60 acres owned by Border Hardcore, which supplies stone for

by Andrew Morris

local contractors and farmers for building foundations and roads.

At the core of the land is a large quarry void, from which around 90,000 tonnes a year of high quality clay shale was supplied to the brick making industry until the slump in the housing market caused by the recession. Quarrying has since been scaled back and the owners now hope to develop the quarry for an alternative industrial use.

"The site is ideal for schemes related to energy generation due to the presence of an electricity substation on the site that powered the brickworks," said Richard Hilditch, Border Hardcore's business manager. "This provides the key access point to the grid."

His father, Michael, together with David and Tim Hilditch, are directors of the long established local business, which was formed in 1964 in Middletown and has evolved and diversified to meet changing market conditions over the years.

"The new storage facility built for Speed Welshpool is the first phase of the redevelopment of the site, which we hope will attract many local jobs over the next five years," said David Hilditch.



Border Hardcore's manager Richard Hilditch with the company's quarrying operation in the background.

Top award for hospital's research team

RESEARCHERS at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital have won a national award for their work.

They were named best clinical research team for the large study they undertook into the healing therapy of patients undergoing primary hip and knee replacements.

The international award was made earlier this month in Manchester at the 2014 Journal of Wound Care (JWC) awards.

The research team led by orthopaedic surgeon Mr Sudheer Karlakki, chief investigator, comprised consult-

ant colleagues Mr Niall Graham and Mr Robin Banerjee with researchers, Dr Catherine Whittall and Mrs Julia Kennedy, plus wound care nurse Mary Offland and two registrars Mr Abdulkader Hamad and Mr Srinivasa Budithi.

Their study called "Evaluation of a post-operative wound management protocol using negative pressure wound therapy in primary arthroplasty (hip and knee replacement) patients" came first for best clinical research team category in the Journal of Wound Care Awards.

There were award submissions from more than 10 different countries for the 10 categories.

The Gobowen-based hospital was shortlisted with two others; one from a plastic surgery University team in Seoul, Korea and the other from the University Hospital of South Manchester.

Mr Karlakki, who recently published on this subject, said: "Complications following hip and knee replacements are not entirely avoidable, but can be improved significantly with good surgical practice."

NEWS in brief

Animal cruelty claims denied

A retired vet has denied causing suffering to his pet dogs, one of which had to be humanely destroyed by the RSPCA.

Charles John Spicer, known as John, 71, of Old Whittington Road, Gobowen, denied four allegations by the RSPCA when he appeared at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court on Friday.

He denied causing unnecessary suffering to a dog under the Animal Welfare Act, not taking reasonable steps to protect a dog from mange, causing unnecessary suffering to a dog.

Spicer did admit failing to provide a hygienic environment for the dogs.

A trial date was set for September 22.

Guided tours of town to restart

ANYONE interested in finding out more about the history of Oswestry will soon be able to take a guided tour of the town.

The hour-long tours will be restarting after the winter break on April 5, and will run on Saturdays and Wednesdays until September.

All the tours will start at Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre, Church Terrace, at 11am.

Admission is £2 adults and 50p children. For more information or to book, call the visitor centre on (01691) 662753.

Join in town's Easter Egg hunt

FREE Easter Eggs will be given to anybody who successfully completes a Drag-on Hunt around Welshpool town centre.

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NEWS

Station's £2m revamp hailed as birthday gift

by Iain St John

A £2 million revamp of Chirk railway station is a "wonderful birthday present" to campaigners who took over its running 10 years ago, volunteers have said.

Members of Friends of Chirk Station say they are delighted the funding package, which will significantly improve disabled access at the station, has been confirmed by the Welsh Government.

The friends group adopted the station 10 years ago and have carried out work to make it more attractive and accessible to passengers, scooping awards in the process for their community work.

Couple in plea to find missing ring

A COUPLE who will celebrate the 60th anniversary of their engagement later this year are appealing for help after the engagement ring went missing.

James Neville Bennett asked Glennis to be his bride during an evening stroll on the Broadwalk in Oswestry in 1954.

When she said yes they celebrated by choosing a sapphire and diamond ring from the Northern Goldsmiths jewellers.

The ring has been Mrs Bennett's prized possession ever since. But on Thursday she lost it, she thinks during a shopping expedition with her daughter.

"We parked in Central car park, near Marks & Spencer and I remember taking my glove off to get money."

Mr Bennett, 80, said: "She is very upset but I keep saying to her, 'the ring might be missing but I still have you and that is what is important'."

He is offering a reward if anyone finds the ring. Call Mr Bennett on 01691 661750.

Christine Ashford from Friends of Chirk Station, said: "We are absolutely delighted to hear the news and wish to record our thanks to Edwina Hart, our transport minister and to everyone who has lobbied long and hard for Access for All at railways stations in Wales."

"This will make a huge difference to the lives of the many passengers who use our award winning station here in Chirk."

"In April of this year we are celebrating 10 years of the adoption of Chirk Station with Arriva Trains Wales."

"What a wonderful birthday present we can now share with everyone."

Mrs Ashford said the improvements had followed a Welsh Government inquiry into accessibility of railways stations in Wales.

The efforts made by the friends group to improve the station have been recognised in various award schemes.

In 2012 Chirk won the best unstaffed station award in a contest run by Keep Wales Tidy while it has also won a Network Rail environment award for its community projects.

The funding at Chirk will deliver a ramped footbridge providing an accessible route to the station's platform one for the first time. Work will start in May.

Flower power for villagers



Daffodils planted by pupils of Morda Primary School and the Local Joint Committee.

A PLANTING project supported by the local community is in full bloom in a village near Oswestry.

Daffodils have sprouted up in Morda thanks to the hard work of families in the area. The floral project has been driven forward by members of Morda Fete Group who wanted to brighten up the village and add a splash of extra colour to their area.

Families from the area and children from Morda Primary School got involved in the

project by helping to plant the bulbs. The project was supported by funding from the area's Shropshire Council-run local joint committee. Shropshire councillor for the area Joyce Barrow paid tribute to the group and its chairman Andrew Steel, who is a parent of youngsters at the village school.

Councillor Barrow said: "His family have had a farm in Treflach for decades and he has a strong sense of commitment to Morda and the community."

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Traders' grants coming to an end

A scheme which has given more than £50,000 in grants to help shopkeepers in Oswestry is coming to an end.

Oswestry's mayor said he was disappointed that Shropshire Council funding for the retail grants, through the joint economic committee, was finishing.

He spoke out after handing over a cheque for £2,500 to The Project Group, which has premises in Cross Street, in the town centre.

The Project Group, which produces public and private art commissions and also has a range of art and craft items which it sells, helps people with mental health issues.

It also runs workshops for and run by its clients.

Jacqueline Cooley from The Project Group said the money would be used to commission a business plan, to maximise its ability to attain a long-term future.

The funding is one of the last grants to be given through the joint economic board's retail grant scheme in Oswestry.

Since it was launched 18 months ago £54,000 has been handed out in grants to a dozen businesses in the town.

The money has been used to help improve retailing in Oswestry.

Fresh inquest into the death of soldier

THE family of a young Army recruit from Llanymynech, near Oswestry, who died at Deepcut barracks have won permission to apply for a fresh inquest into her death.

Attorney General Dominic Grieve QC has granted Private Cheryl James' family consent to apply to the High Court for a new investigation, nearly a decade

after it happened.

Pte James, 18, who grew up in Llansamlet, near Oswestry, was undergoing initial training at Deepcut Barracks when she was found with gunshot wounds in November 1995.

She was one of four young soldiers who died at the barracks in Surrey between 1995 and 2002, sparking allegations of bullying and abuse. An inquest into her death recorded an open verdict.

Her parents, Des and Doreen James, from Llanymynech, backed by Human Rights campaign group Liberty, called for a fresh inquest, lodging an application with the Attorney General for consent to apply to the High Court.

And this week a spokesman for Mr Grieve said he had granted his consent.

Mr James said: "We're relieved and delighted by the Attorney General's decision.

by Andrew Morris

It's truly an emotional day - it's been a long and painful process, with so many hurdles, but we never considered giving up.

"Cheryl had her whole life in front of her; when our young people lose their lives serving their country, not only do they deserve a full and independent investigation into their deaths, it must be their absolute right.

"We may now finally achieve a meaningful inquiry into her death and we hope it brings about real change for future recruits."

Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP, said he felt great relief for Mr and Mrs James, saying they "deserve to know what really happened."

He said: "I have known Des for a long time and have worked with him on this. We met with the Ministry of Defence over this and I am relieved for them.

Vicar pulls pints for Lent



Landlord Malcolm Roberts and Reverend Simon Airey

WHILE many are giving up alcohol for Lent, one Shropshire vicar is not only embracing it, he's pouring it, too.

The Reverend Simon Airey is giving up one evening a week to do a stint behind the bar of his local - The Parish Pump at Criffins.

He says it is proving a good way to get closer to the local community and show that he is not just there for the church congregation.

The vicar of not only Criffins but also Duddeston Heath and Welsh Frankton said he was thoroughly enjoying his Pulling Pints for Lent pledge.

"I do call into The Parish Pump occasionally for a pint and so I know many of the regulars. But I thought it would be good for people to know I would be there at least one evening a week during the six weeks of Lent and so I offered to help out the landlord and landlady.

"We want to show the vicar and the church is there for all the community."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

As the dust settles on Chancellor George Osborne's Budget I'm sure we have all been reflecting on what it means for us.

The most obvious conclusion is that it was a Budget aimed at winning popularity and votes in the build up to the next election with the promise that next year's Budget will be even better.

Politics, and a lot of politicians, tend to bore me – normally a great cure for my insomnia. But this Budget has really caught my attention and looks like being a first step towards the Conservatives becoming a realistic option in the next round of voting.

We've all felt the pain as this Government has been wrestling with the task of rebalancing the economy and if you believe what we are being told things are getting better. Though I doubt many of us are feeling a difference in our pockets yet.

But this Budget did contain one real gem for those of us old enough to be considering what to do with our pension pots. Granting us the decision to choose how we spend our hard earned pension funds instead of having to rely on an annuity was one of the bravest decisions made by any Government for decades.

Low interest rates ensure that buying an annuity, as we are currently forced to do, means receiving far less than we had always believed we would get. Now we will have the freedom to do what we like with "our" money.

And yes, there is a danger that some may go out and spend the lot and look to the State for handouts. But for the majority of millions of people this is a great opportunity to reinvest their money wisely with the freedom to spend retirement saving as and where they choose.

But Mr Osborne fooled no-one with his 1p off a pint offering or his "making Bingo cheaper" gimmick. We need a lot more than that to regain confidence.

And party chairman Grant Shapps dropped the biggest brick of all with a patronising tweet of a picture that said: "Bingo. Cutting the Bingo tax and beer duty. To help hardworking people do more of the things they enjoy."

If this Government is serious about winning the 2015 election it must really tackle the NHS crisis. Giving GPs contracts that mean no out-of-hours care for families has caused absolute chaos for hospital accident and emergency units. The decision will go down in history as the first nail in the coffin of the NHS.

It really is time for these contracts to be torn to shreds. Let's have more doctors on the ground and less chaos in the critical areas of our vital hospitals.



Cameras roll for the filming of A Christmas Carol in Shrewsbury in 1984



The BBC version of the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe was filmed at Hawkestone Park Folies



Medieval battle drama Faintheart was shot in Ludlow and the Mortimer Forest

Could county backdrops rival those of Hollywood?

An MP has launched a bid to promote Shropshire as an A-list venue for film makers. Carl Jones investigates

LIGHTS . . . camera . . . action . . . MP Mark Pritchard is topping the bill of a new blockbuster campaign to turn Shropshire into the Hollywood of the United Kingdom.

The Wrekin MP has requested a debate in the House of Commons in the hope of establishing the county as an A-list movie location.

Mr Pritchard said he believed the Government should be promoting the county as a jewel in the movie-making crown.

"Absolution, Atonement, The Pickwick Papers, A Christmas Carol and Clockwise were all films made in Shropshire," he told MPs.

"Could we have a debate on making Shropshire the pre-eminent and premier - if you'll forgive the pun - film location in England for British film-makers, American film-makers, international film-makers? That would be good for Shropshire businesses and for tourism."

Heritage

"We have a beautiful rural landscape, historical places and points of heritage, and I want Shropshire to play its part in the UK film industry and the promotion of the UK."

Mr Pritchard views are echoed by up and coming director Jon Stanford, from Church Preen, who returned to his roots last year for his debut film, romantic drama Long Forgotten Fields, starring Game of Thrones actor Simon Armstrong.

He said film makers would get a warm welcome, adding: "The support we had



Richard Burton in the film Absolution, which was filmed at Ellesmere College in May 1978

from local people was fantastic. Whenever we've asked people for their help, there was a real can-do attitude."

Several big box-office successes have been shot in Shropshire, involving stars such as Keira Knightley, Gillian Anderson, Hugh Grant, John Cleese, Jennifer Jones and David Niven.

One of the first big productions was the 1949 drama Gone To Earth. Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Jones filmed in the shadow of Ludlow Castle and around Much Wenlock, while sets were also built inside a hangar at RAF Shawbury.

David Niven filmed Disney adventure Candleshoe on the Severn Valley Railway in 1976, one of many movies shot on the Bridgnorth line - others in-

clude Robert Powell in The Thirty-Nine Steps, Sherlock Holmes film A Game of Shadows, and The Chronicles of Narnia.

Hugh Grant also shot 1995 comedy The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill But Came Down A Mountain at the railway's Hampton Loade station.

And do you remember the day when a row of three red telephone boxes mysteriously appeared outside the Raven Hotel in Much Wenlock - then vanished a few days later? That was in 1985, when John Cleese came to town to film scenes for his crackpot comedy Clockwise.

The truth was out there in 2007 . . . alongside X Files star Gillian Anderson who took cover in the Wyre Forest, near

Cleobury Mortimer, with Danny Dyer for gritty revenge thriller Straightheads, which also used Mawley Hall.

And some of Britain's best known actors including Kathy Bates, Rupert Everett and the late Richard Briers descended on Ludlow in 2000 for comedy drama Unconditional Love.

The most recent high-profile production to base itself in Shropshire was Oscar-winning drama Atonement, where Stokesay Court near Craven Arms played host to Keira Knightley, James McAvoy and Saoirse Ronan.

Commons Leader Andrew Lansley gave Mr Pritchard's request a cautious response, saying: "Forgive me if I wasn't as knowledgeable in relation to the relationship of the film industry to

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Owen Paterson MP

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However, my constituents continue to contact me about the lack of reliable high speed broadband. This places them at an enormous competitive disadvantage. Improving rural broadband provision is vital and its widespread implementation is key to the majority of my constituents who use the internet.

When I was appointed Secretary of State for DEFRA David Cameron tasked me to focus on the rural economy and I saw a huge opportunity to help sort out rural broadband once and for all.

My colleague Maria Miller at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport has overall responsibility for Rural Broadband. One of my first acts at DEFRA was to organise a meeting with Maria and all the responsible Ministers and Local Government. We all agreed to work together to ensure the most rapid extension of broadband.

We have made enormous progress since that meeting with £1.2 billion allocated to this programme. In the last three months of 2013 we managed to triple the amount of homes connected to superfast broadband to 273,731. The number of homes and premises gaining access is 10,000 per week. This should rise to 40,000 per week by the summer.

Through these investments in broadband we have managed to undertake many of our neighbours in Western Europe and have better broadband provision than Italy, Germany and Spain. Our superfast broadband is more than double that of the French. By 2017 we should have 95 per cent of the country connected.

There are still real difficulties with reaching remote parts of England. I was therefore pleased that we were able to announce a further £250 million in funding with a £12 million allocation for Shropshire. This needs to be matched locally and I will be discussing with Shropshire Council how this will be achieved.

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A: Married couples and registered civil partners are allowed to pass assets to each other during their lifetime or when they die, without having to pay Inheritance Tax (IHT). This is known as spouse or civil partner exemption.

There is no limit to how much can be passed on in this way, provided the person receiving the assets is a permanent UK resident. On death, the first spouse's unused threshold can then be transferred to increase the IHT threshold of the second spouse or partner when they die, taking the total threshold to £650,000. This applies even if the second spouse has remarried and irrespective of time span between the two deaths (if they were after 1975).

To transfer the unused threshold you as representatives of the second deceased, or the executors of their will, must within two years of the date of the death of the second spouse claim the unused Nil Rate Band in a prescribed form from HMRC.

There are many rules concerning claiming the unused Nil Rate Band of the first person's estate, which need to be correctly followed to enable it to be claimed. I would suggest that you seek help from a solicitor as this can be quite a complex issue.

Further information relating to this question is available from Victoria Wilson, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal.

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LETTERS

We can't continue selling off farm land

Prostate cancer awareness plea

Further research urgently needed

I noted the farming adviser was imploring farmers to sell land to developers.

And then the Star seemed to be full of reports of proposed developments, 250 houses here and there.

It seems to me what-ever targets have been determined for housing requirements over the next 20 years, these developers appear intent on satisfying that quota within 12 months, so they can come back and ask for more, simply to maintain the economies of the building industry.

I am puzzled by the perceived demand. So is it simply a money thing? But whatever, we cannot sustain taking farming land and covering it with bricks and mortar, because we will become more and more dependent on imported food.

Continued development adds increasing strain on facilities. Roads, schools, water, police, fire, health-care, all of which we are seriously under invested.

In theory more houses means more local money for spending on these services, but me being a sceptic, sees it as about a few people making money at the expense of others.

That expense is not necessarily monetary. It seems acceptable to block views of the countryside, and if you look around Shrewsbury, that is exactly what will be happening. In Church Street the current building between the bypass and the town is out of keeping.

CHRIS BROWN
Westbury

Brigade's big boost

A £10 million award to the Youth United Network, which was announced in the Budget this week, will enable organisations like The Boys' Brigade to engage with more young people.

By working with Youth United over the past 15 months, we have established 42 new Companies across England, creating over 2,000 new places for children, young people and adult volunteers, taking our UK membership to nearly 65,000.

ERIC HUDSON
Director for England
The Boys' Brigade

MARCH is with us again. It soon rolls round, doesn't it? How many of you know it is also National Prostate Cancer month?

Although prostate cancer is still a very serious threat to men over 40, with the new modern methods of treatment it is no longer the threat it was.

Shropshire Prostate Cancer Support Group is a non-profit making group with all money raised going to supporting its members and their families, and also those diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Shropshire Prostate Cancer Support Group offers non-medical advice to all who contact us.

We will be in Dean Square, Telford Shopping Centre, on Saturday, March 22, as part of the month-long awareness campaign, between 9am and 4.30pm.

I encourage men to come and talk to us.

I know from personal experience that us men see such things as being non-macho, because I did myself. It was only to keep the peace I went to the doctor and after tests was diag-

nosed with it. So, to the ladies I say: "Keep on badgering your menfolk". They'll thank you in the end. If you want to know more, pop along and see us in Telford this Saturday.

There will be someone there who will gladly talk to you, and you can pick up some useful information at the same time.

Men, you don't know, but it could save your life.

BEN TRUMPETER
Shropshire Prostate Cancer Support Group

Soup kitchen staff kept striking miners fed



Ifton Colliery soup kitchen staff during the miners' strike of 1926. This picture was used in "A History of the Parishes of St Martins and Weston Rhyn" by Neville Hurdsmen.

Many still living in poverty

WHILST it is promising that employment levels are increasing and over one million more jobs are forecast over the next five years, for many, work is not paying enough to keep up with rocketing housing, energy and food costs.

More than six million people living below the poverty line in the UK are from working households.

Many of those people in low paid work rely on benefits to top up their income, so the cap on welfare spending will be of concern.

Anyone who is worried about their situation today can use our free tools and information at www.turn2us.org.uk to see if they can access any financial help.

ALISON TAYLOR
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Interference will make it worse

DOES anyone really believe that if the position were reversed, and an American strategic base was threatened, that they would not have reacted in the same way as Russia did?

The legitimate government of Ukraine was overthrown, whether rightly or wrongly depends on which side of the fence you are. When the people of Ukraine voted by 95 per cent to rejoin Russia we refuse to recognise it. The people we saw celebrating did not look as if they had been coerced into a 'yes' vote. How many times have we interfered in other countries only to make matters worse?

Some things, although not right in our eyes, are best left alone.

TERRY HILLIER
Four Crosses

Voters may not know the risks

IT is no surprise to hear that Scottish 15 and 16-year-olds have been given a vote on independence – it is very surprising that the over 60s have not been banned from voting given that this is the age group that is most aware of the risks Alex Salmon is taking.

While the record of the evil English rule over the innocent Scots unfolds you will hear no mention of the Barnett Formula – the mechanism by which central government calculates how much, per capita, goes to every English, Scottish, Irish and Welshman, the last records I have was England £7535, Scotland £9179, Wales £8577 and NI £9789 – notice who gets the least!

Better the devil you know!
BOB WYDELL,
Oswestry.

Further research urgently needed

I am writing following the recent news that a test has been developed which could be used to detect the early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, and could distinguish whether a healthy person is likely to develop the disease within the next three years.

The test is certainly a fantastic breakthrough for Alzheimer's research, and could ultimately lead to the development of a treatment to halt or slow down the effects of the disease.

But I believe in order for the test to have any effect, a treatment needs to be developed sooner rather than later.

Without the appropriate medicine or treatments in place at the current time, the test could prove distressing for those who are told they can, may or will develop the disease.

It's also worth bearing in mind the five-year study was an analysis of 525 people over the age of 70 and, before the test can be rolled out in clinical practice, there is an absolute need for a test on a wider scale.

If the test is offered to the general public, individuals need to be given the choice about whether they want to know, and fully understand the implications of a test which could predict the disease.

DR HANNAH
MACKECHNIE
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Researching 1972 dispute

I am looking for the man, in his mid 60s, who spoke with Ricky Tomlinson at a rally in Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

I am a researcher studying the 1972 building workers dispute and the subsequent trial at Shrewsbury Crown Court.

The trial started on October 3, 1973, and was completed on December 19, 1973.

Any information from this man or anyone else on the subject will be in confidence. I can be contacted on 07973 937773 or eileenturnbull@hotmail.co.uk

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NEWS in brief

Road is closed after accident

A woman was taken to hospital after a crash which closed the A5/A483 near Oswestry.

The collision, between her Ford Fiesta and a lorry happened at about 8.30am on Monday between the Gobowen and the Gledrid islands north of the town, close to the Grandad's layby cafe.

Police closed the road for emergency services to deal with the incident and to allow debris to be cleared. A spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service said a woman in her 30s was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital with injuries to her face and a broken ankle.

Firms urged to complete survey

BUSINESSES in Powys are being asked to take part in an online survey about their experience when they contact the council.

The survey is being conducted to help give the council a better understanding of how and what services businesses contact, how they feel they are treated by staff and if they receive the advice and support they want or need.

The survey has been emailed to 4,000 businesses but if anyone else running a business in Powys would like to respond they can visit www.powys.gov.uk

Masonry bees on the way back to our countryside

BEES are to be reintroduced to the British countryside thanks to a partnership between an Oswestry college, the Ministry of Defence and the Church of England.

Thousands of bees will be placed in hives in churchyards and military bases as part of the project being led by researchers in our county.

by Iain St John

Working alongside Walford and North Shropshire College and Harper Adams, Viv Marsh, from Walford Heath near Baschurch, is hoping to restock wild Masonry bees back into the county. The bees, which Viv has been researching for more than 10 years, are an indigenous non-stinging variety. They do not make honey, but do help in cross-pollinating crops in the British countryside.

The research programme is running alongside a current Government bee study and next year Viv will be joined by four post-graduate students from Harper Adams and Bristol University. The research sites in 2014 will be at Harper Adams University, Pershore College of Horticulture and Walford and North Shropshire College.

Viv, who has been breeding the bees on the runway at RAF Shawbury, said:

"Last year, I released and bred bees in churchyards in the borough of Shrewsbury but the work is incomplete and it will take a few more years to push population levels back to where they were pre-1939.

"I have created a research group based at Harper Adams but also including Pershore College of Horticulture and Walford and North Shropshire College where bespoke, prescription spring wild flower meadows will be sown starting this summer."

A delegate meeting of Praise Bee, as Viv has called his group, took place under the directorship of Professor Simon Leather, Professor of Entomology at Harper Adams.

Masonry bees have a short, five-month life cycle and pollinate most plants more quickly than other bees.

Jewellery shop opts for Oswestry



Elaine Barton and Fiona Edwards, of the newly opened Mahina jewellery shop

A new jewellery shop has opened in Oswestry after the owner said her business rates in Shrewsbury were too expensive, and her new home was more welcoming.

Mahina, which sells hand-made jewellery, has opened in Bailey Street and was holding its official opening today.

Owner Elaine Barton said she was pleased to be in the town, which she believes offers better support for new businesses than many other places in the county.

She said: "We've had a warm welcome and all the feedback we've had is positive. We were thrilled with the response that we got."

To celebrate its opening, Mahina will be holding an open evening tonight from the end of trading until 9pm. During the evening there will be the chance to browse the shop and try on items while having a glass of wine.

"It's a way to introduce ourselves to the town and everybody's welcome," Elaine said.

Council is judged to be top performer

POWYS County Council was one of the country's top performing councils according to local authority performance information, the council's cabinet has heard.

The council was rated the third best performing council in 2012/2013 Local Authority Service Performance information released by the Welsh Government.

The performance information centres on results for key services such as education, social care, leisure and culture, housing, environment and transport for the last financial year.

Councillor Steve Davies, cabinet member for HR, IT and Communications, said: "Collecting and analysing performance information plays a crucial role in making sure that we are targeting resources in the most effective way possible and tackling priority areas."

"I am delighted to see that performance in key areas continues to improve despite the very difficult financial circumstances we face. However, we cannot be complacent. While we have considerable strengths there are areas where we need to improve."

"These results will help with that process and ensure that future decisions are based on sound statistical evidence."

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Bodytech Gearing Up For Spinning Success

Bodytech Health Clubs, Oswestry are gearing up to secure their place as Shropshire's Number One Spinning centre by making further additions to their already popular spin timetable.

The move will see Bodytech increase the number of Spin sessions at their Oswestry site to 15 classes a week. Introducing a number of unique styles of group cycling classes such as; Beginners and Easy spin for those who are lacking fitness or new to the sport, Pure Spin for the cycling purist, and Bodytech Spin - The chain's already well known and well-loved brand of spinning.

The club also has big plans to introduce 'Race Day Spin' in the near future. The class will utilise projectors and speakers to give participants the virtual

experience of taking part in the Tour de France.

Bodytech Managing Director Jeff Anderson said "Our plan is to make Bodytech Oswestry one of the best Spinning Centre in the country. Over the next 6 months we will be increasing the number of bikes we have on offer from 18 to 30 and adding even more classes to our timetable".

For more information or to book a free taster session call the club on 01691 657400 and the team will be happy to help.



AM helps out with project at school

CHILDREN at a village school were given a helping hand with their nature project when a local politician dropped in to see their work.

Clwyd South Labour AM Ken Skates was invited to Ysgol Cynddelw at Glyn Ceiriog by teacher Hannah Parkinson to take part in a programme run by Natural Resources Wales.

Natural Resources Wales and the school have teamed up to carry out a study on salmon. Part of the project will see the school releasing fish into the River Ceiriog.

Mr Skates said: "Ysgol Cynddelw is a lovely school and I was delighted to be asked along."

"It was fantastic to be part of such an interesting project which really inspired the children and made for a fun learning experience."

"We studied salmon in a tank specially fitted by Natural Resources Wales and looked at their eggs, which will hatch later this year and then be released into the River Ceiriog."

Miss Parkinson said: "The children were thrilled to meet and talk with Ken and are really excited about the hatchlings."

"Ken will be back in the summer to watch us release them into the Ceiriog right outside the school."

Company reaps benefit of employing apprentices

By Pam Kingsley

AN Oswestry company which has recently taken on apprentices for the first time has said such new recruits are a huge boost to the workforce.

Physiological Measurements Ltd (PML), based in Willow Street in Oswestry, took on Freya Hardaker, 22, Faron Kendall, 21, Adam Smethurst and Kayleigh Richards, both 17, six months ago.

The company delivers services on behalf of the NHS across the UK, and director Jon

New base for baby classes

AN activity class for babies has moved to a new location in Oswestry.

Baby Sensory is a baby development class which gives babies the chance to experience different activities designed to support their sensory development.

The Oswestry class has now moved to the Whole Life Christian Centre, Cabin Lane, and is held on Tuesdays.

Babies are welcome to join at any time, but as some classes are currently fully booked, it is advisable to book early.

There are currently waiting lists for the birth to 13 months class, which runs from 11.30am to 12.30pm, and the seven to 13 months class, which runs from 1pm to 2pm.

But there are places available on the birth to six months session, which is held from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Classes cost £60 for 10 classes.

For more information contact course leader Helen Jones at shropshire@babysensory.co.uk or call 07917 794045.

Pither said National Apprenticeships Week, which ran last week, is the perfect way of celebrating their success.

He said: "The company launched just over seven years ago and since then we have been growing and growing."

"We are committed to cutting waiting times for NHS patients by offering clinics sooner than they would otherwise be seen and because of this we have seen our workforce grow so that we can keep up the high standards."

"A large part of that is the apprentices. It is not something we had explored before but it has been such a success having them as part of the team and keeping our company moving forward. Training staff to work in the specific way we operate improves our efficiency."

"It is definitely something we would do again."

All four apprentices are from the Oswestry area and work as part of the In-training Group, a national provider of apprenticeships where an assessor visits the workplace once a month. They are all working towards NVQ level two or three qualifications in business studies and administration.

Adam said: "It is good to be in the workplace and it is a lot more hands on."



Kayleigh Richards, Faron Kendall, Jon Pither, Adam Smethurst and Freya Hardaker.

NEWS in brief

Gardeners urged to secure a plot

BUDDING gardeners in Baschurch are invited to get their hands dirty and take on an allotment.

The village's three-acre allotment site was opened in March 2011 and has approximately 60 ground level plots of various sizes and 16 raised beds.

There is a one-off fee of £10 to join the association. The rent for a half plot (125sqm) is £40 a year and a quarter plot (62.5sqm) is £30 per year. The rent includes water usage.

For more details contact Sarah Richards on (01939) 261396 or 07729 943246, sarah@baschurchallotments.co.uk or visit www.baschurchallotments.co.uk

Help needed for Victim Support

AN organisation to support victims of crime is looking for more volunteers.

Victim Support wants more local people to come forward, with a range of different options for how people can help.

All volunteers receive training, expenses and supervision. Volunteers visit victims of crime to talk through what has happened and give practical help, such as alarms.

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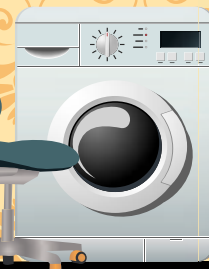
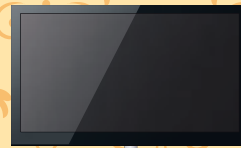
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NEWS
in briefStudents visit
from Canada

SEVEN students from Ontario, Canada, visited Welshpool last week following the visit to Canada by Welshpool High School students last autumn.

This is an annual exchange organised between the Rotary Clubs of Welshpool and Simcoe, Ontario.

Enjoying the good weather, the students visited Powis Castle, Chester and Blists Hill. They spent time in Welshpool High School, visited the coast and experienced lambing at a local farm.

The exchange is part of an extensive programme of support to local youth and schools undertaken by the Rotary Club of Welshpool.

Volunteer day
comes to town

THE Royal Voluntary Service will have a stand at a volunteer day in Welshpool.

The event will be held at Welshpool Town Hall, Broad Street on March 29 from 9am to 12noon.

It is designed to give people the chance to see what volunteering options there are in the area and to see how they can get involved in helping their community.

The Royal Voluntary Service said it is having a stand at the event in order to show how it supports older people in the local community.

Craft fair proves to be an ironclad success story

By Andrew Morris

SEVEN years ago Rowan Taylor was in a job he disliked and felt was going nowhere.

So he packed it in to become what he had always wanted to be – a blacksmith. And now he has been showing off his handiwork to hundreds of visitors at a craft fair in Welshpool.

"I do a whole range of items, from decorative pokers to cooking stoves, forged flowers to hooks and horse shoes," said Mr Taylor, who lives in Welshpool and runs the Ellesmere Canal Forge, which he opened seven months ago after finishing his training.

He said: "I was in a job I didn't enjoy, so I decided to follow my dream and become a blacksmith for my full time job."

"The smithy was restored with care by the Canal and River Trust before I took it over. It was built in 1805 by Thomas Telford as part of the canal infrastructure, but had been empty for 30 years before I took it over at the start of September last year."

Mr Taylor was showing his work at a Craft Fair in Welshpool Town Hall's Corn Exchange on Saturday.

He said: "It is my intention to produce high quality, affordable, bespoke ironwork for individuals and organisations, both bespoke and of my own design, alongside restoration work and historical reproductions. The craft fair in Welshpool was successful. Although I didn't make masses of sales, I built up a lot of contacts and have been invited to shows throughout Mid Wales this summer thanks to my attendance."

The fair was the first of three to be held in the early part of this year, with the other two scheduled for April 19 and May 24. Town clerk Robert Robinson said: "The first one of the craft fairs was held at the weekend and it was a great success. I popped in during the day and it seemed very busy."

To book a spot at the next craft fair call Mr Robinson on (01938) 553319.

Firms urged to recycle

BUSINESSES in the Welshpool area are being encouraged to take advantage of trade recycling collections that would save them money whilst helping to boost recycling rates.

Powys County Council has increased charges for disposing of general waste to take into account the increasing cost of disposal, including the increase in landfill tax, but said it can still offer prices up to 50 per cent cheaper than sending waste to landfill.

The price of a Trade Recycling Permit has been kept at £100 in order to encourage businesses to drop off recycling at one of the six household waste and recycling centres in the county.

Councillor Barry Thomas, leader and cabinet member for recycling and waste, said: "The options available give businesses plenty of opportunities to fulfil their legal obligations to recycle their waste and save money in these harsh economic times."



Rowan Taylor, from Ellesmere Canal Forge, displays his fire pokers at the craft fair.

Tourist centre change planned

A loss-making tourist information centre will undergo a transformation to include a soft-toy 'jungle' in a bid to make it more of a tourist attraction.

Welshpool Town Council said the town's TIC was forecast to lose £29,000 this year, so will discuss plans to transform it into an attraction in its own right.

The council wants to bring in a larger shop and a children's corner as well as a "Welshpool jungle" featuring dozens of wild animals in the form of soft toys.

Robert Robinson, town clerk, said he hoped the move would reduce the loss the centre made over two years to less than £10,000.

The recommended changes, which have been proposed by the town council's council services and property committee, were to be discussed by full council at a meeting last night at 7pm at Welshpool Town Hall.

Mr Robinson said: "The council services and property committee considered a paper for increasing activity at the centre. This involved introducing a larger retail element with a children's corner." Welshpool Town Council took over the running of the Tourist Information Centre in April 2009.

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Souvenirs wanted for Welshpool exhibition

Calum's rugby ambitions



Calum Jones

A schoolboy has taken the first steps in his ambition to become a professional rugby star.

Oswestry School Year 10 pupil Calum Jones, who lives near Welshpool, is training with the Worcester Warriors under-15 squad.

Calum was spotted by the Worcester Warriors as a talented rugby player last summer and he jumped at the opportunity to join the prestigious training programme.

Since then, Calum has been selected to participate in every team match played, which included wins against Gloucester and Northampton Saints, where the team showed fine attacking moves and excellent defence in both games.

Mr Kevin Perry-Evans, rugby coach at Oswestry School, is thrilled with Calum's progress and said: "It is a fantastic opportunity for Calum to benefit from this development."

By Andrew Morris

RESIDENTS are being urged to lend a museum souvenirs from across the world for a new exhibition due to open in Mid Wales.

Powysland Museum in Welshpool will open the exhibition next month and wants people from the town to show off items they have picked up from their travels.

Eva Bredsdorff, museum curator, said: "Powysland Museum in Welshpool was opened in a purpose-built venue in Salop Road in 1874. The collection consisted of items from Montgomeryshire, as well as from all over the world, brought together by members of The Powysland Club.

"Although the purpose of The Powysland Club, founded in 1867, was to 'collect and print, for the use of its members, the historical, ecclesiastical, genealogical, topographical and literary remains of Montgomeryshire', the collection also had a large number of artefacts from foreign shores.

"Many of these objects were equivalent to today's souvenirs brought back from abroad by modern day tourists. The museum has a display with some of these items which include small bottles with soil from religious places, African beadwork, a small carved wooden shoe, an opium pipe and various weapons. Today the museum only collects items from, or associated with, Montgomeryshire however occasionally an object unrelated to the area makes its way into the collection as happened in 1990 when the then County Councillor Colin Davies and his wife Gwen donated a small piece of the newly demolished Berlin Wall."

The show runs from April 10 to May 31 at the museum at Canal Wharf, Welshpool.

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NEWS
in briefU3As start new
member scheme

TWO Shropshire organisations are collaborating to increase learning opportunities for retired and semi-retired people in the Oswestry area.

From April, Oswestry University of the Third Age (U3A) and Oswestry Borders U3A will offer members access to double the speakers and members' meetings, as well as more than 70 interest groups, through an associate membership scheme.

For an annual £5 fee, the associate membership will allow fully paid-up members access to all meetings and interest groups of the other U3A. Current subscriptions are £15 each.

Tower organist is
dance attraction

A charity dance featuring the organist from the famous Blackpool Tower Ballroom raised almost £1,000.

The event, organised by Betty Bromley, was held at the Marches School, Oswestry, on March 7.

Mrs Bromley said the evening was a great success, with £938 donated to the British Heart Foundation.

"One couple travelled from Blackpool to hear John Bowdler, Blackpool Tower Organist play the organ," Mrs Bromley said. "I would like to thank friends who helped."

Expanding care firm in running for three awards

by Pam Kingsley

A home care company with offices in Oswestry, which was launched by a former racehorse breeder following the inspiration of caring for her own grandmother, is celebrating an expansion and getting through to award finals.

Home Instead Senior Care, which has offices in Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Ludlow, has grown from a team of two people to a company now employing over 35 people in its first 12 months in business – and it is still recruiting.

The franchise is also celebrating after being short-listed as a finalist in three categories of the 2014 Shropshire Partners in Care Awards. These include the award for promoting dignity and respect in care, and carer of the year awards in both domiciliary care and dementia care.

Meeting on 20mph limit

CAMPAIGNERS calling for a blanket 20mph speed limit across Oswestry will be welcoming the founder of the '20's Plenty for Us' campaign to the town this month.

Rod King MBE will be the guest speaker at a meeting to learn more about the benefits of a 20mph town. Mr King set up 20's Plenty for Us in 2007 to support communities that want to lower speeds.

The meeting has been organised by Sarah-Charlotte Peace, who has been campaigning for lower speed limits in the town since she was knocked off her cycle and seriously injured in 2012.

She said: "Oswestry has the highest percentage of car travel in Shropshire. The majority of children travel by private car or taxi to school, and Oswestry town centre is heading for gridlock by 2026." The meeting will be held at The Dining Rooms, English Walls, on March 31 from 7pm to 9pm.

People attending are asked to email peacecycling@btinternet.com

Rachael Birchall, from Oswestry, founded the business last year after she found caring for her grandmother such a rewarding experience, that it prompted her to leave her equestrian career of 20 years and establish a home care company that could give the same standards of one-to-one care and companionship that she had been able to provide.

"Being short-listed as award finalists in our first year is wonderful news," said Miss Birchall. "We've grown enormously over the last 12 months because we're accommodating and flexible. We believe that companionship is just as important to older people as personal care or help around the home."

"We've also been very fortunate to find some very special people to work with us as caregivers and that is very much borne out by the fact that we have two finalists short-listed in the carer of the year awards."

Miss Birchall, 42, was a successful racehorse breeder at her family's champion stud farm Helshaw Grange, at Tern Hill, near Market Drayton but when her widowed 93-year-old grandmother came to live on the farm she became her main carer for the last two years of her life.



Rachael Birchall with (from left) Suman Hira, Debbie Allamby and Pauline O'Connor

Plans to get more cyclists in town

DRIVERS are to be encouraged to get on their bikes with plans to make Oswestry a more cycle-friendly town.

The town council has agreed to support a bid to the Department for Transport and hopes to be able to use the funding if successful to make cyclists feel more welcome. Shropshire Council was given £5million from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund in 2011 and is currently putting together a second bid to the Department for Transport for the financial year 2015/2016.

Martin Withington, from the Sustainable Transport Project Team, wrote to Oswestry Town Council to ask for its support.

Glenys Davies, from Oswestry Town Council, said the council discussed the proposal at its amenities committee meeting and agreed to back the bid.

She said: "The town council was keen to support the idea of getting more people cycling by putting in more cycle parking and motorbike parking in the town."

"At the moment, motorbikes tend to park in Memorial Square outside the official parking areas. They're not causing any problems, but it's not ideal. And cycle racks are very few and far between."

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NEWS
in briefSculpture idea
for Oswestry

A new piece of artwork could be created in Oswestry, designed by the people of the town, after the idea was endorsed by the town council.

The British Ironwork Centre, which created an unusual safari sculpture trail for Oswestry, says it now wants to provide a unique and free piece of art for the town too.

Glenys Davies, from Oswestry Town Council, said: "All of the councillors were keen on the competition."

"They endorsed it and suggested that the British Ironwork Centre contacts The Project Group in Oswestry for more ideas."

Politician becomes
a dementia friend

RUSSELL George, Montgomeryshire AM, helped to launch the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme at the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay.

It aims to give people in Wales a better understanding of dementia and the things that could make a difference to people living with the condition.

The charity hopes 4,000 people in Wales will become Dementia Friends Wales by 2015. The condition affects the lives of 45,500 people in the country.

Fracking could pose a risk to county wildlife

By Ellie House

SWATHES of countryside and animals' habitats could be destroyed if sites in Shropshire are chosen for fracking, according to wildlife campaigners.

Officials at Shropshire Wildlife Trust have said they are "deeply concerned" about the prospect of the controversial shale gas extraction process taking place in Shropshire.

The trust is one of a number of national charities which have contributed to the Are

We Fit To Frack report, which suggests that fracking may harm wildlife and the environment. The report also includes recommendations of how to make fracking safer.

It comes after areas of the county were identified as potential fracking sites in a Government report published several months ago.

Fracking involves the extraction of gas from shale deposits deep underground.

Sarah Gibson, communications officer for Shropshire Wildlife Trust said: "The trust would be deeply concerned about the potential harm that could be caused by fracking."

The Trust believes that fracking could place too much pressure on already fragile land, and may even destroy habitats.

Are We Fit To Frack contains 10 recommendations put together by societies including the RSPB and the National Trust.

They hope the proposals will make fracking safer for wildlife and are calling for all protected wildlife areas, nature reserves and national parks to be frack-free zones.

They also want full environmental assessments to be carried out for each drilling proposal, and for the shale gas industry to pay the costs of its regulation and any pollution clean-ups. The report also highlights a lack of regulation around shale gas exploitation.

Top marks for schools

SCHOOLS in the county have improved "significantly" according to the latest Government figures.

School inspector Ofsted said 76 per cent of schools in Shropshire – a total of 114 out of 150 – were "good" or "outstanding". This compares to just 55 per cent of schools which were judged "good" or better in August 2012.

Just six schools were said to be "inadequate" with 30 "requiring improvement". Before September 1, 2012, schools which are now "inadequate" were listed as "satisfactory".

Nationally, 80 per cent of schools were good or outstanding and three per cent were inadequate.

Ann Hartley, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for children's services, said: "Headteachers, governors and staff, with the support of the local authority, have done significant work to create this improvement."

Big chance to sing with Bryn



Gethin Bickerton who hopes to sing with Bryn Terfel

A young singing star from a village on the Shropshire/Mid Wales border was among more than 80 hopefuls to try for a prestigious place alongside opera superstar Bryn Terfel at this summer's Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

Eighteen-year-old Gethin Bickerton auditioned for two roles in the production of Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street in which Terfel will play the title role of the murderous barber.

Gethin, from Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant, near Oswestry, went to audition for the part of one of the play's lovers, Anthony, but was asked back by the judges to cast for the role of street urchin Tobias Ragg.

Now a shortlist will be drawn up so that Bryn Terfel can himself choose who will take the stage alongside him.

Gethin is in the final year of the sixth form at Llanfyllin High School.

Donation of iPads to benefit patients

HEART patients across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and Mid Wales are to benefit from a generous donation of iPads which will help to identify whether they are eligible for specialist treatment.

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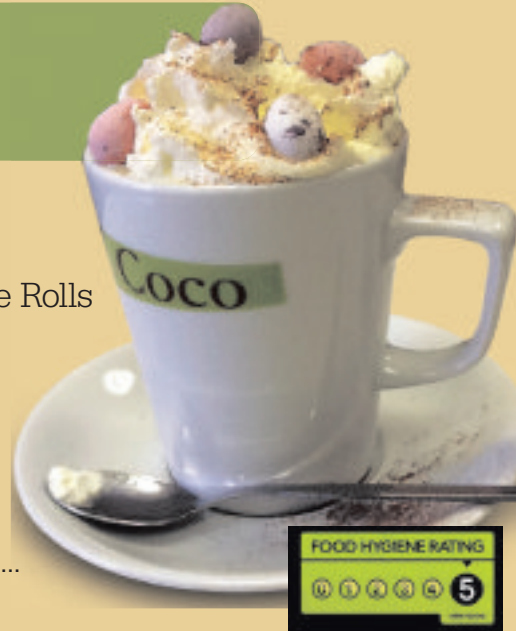
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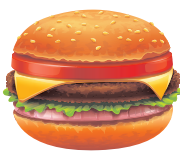
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NEWS
in briefAM's support for
dementia project

AN Assembly Member has personally taken up the fight to end the stigma surrounding dementia.

Mark Isherwood has pledged to become one of Wales's first Dementia Friends.

Dementia Friends aims to give people in Wales a better understanding of dementia and the small things that they can do that could make a difference to people living with the condition. From helping someone to find the right bus to spreading the word about dementia on social media, every action counts. The initiative aims to improve people's understanding of dementia.

Wagner music to
feature at concert

YOUNG musicians from across north Powys will be performing a concert of music by Wagner, Beethoven and Dvorak on April 4.

The concert will feature North Powys Youth Orchestra, conducted by Tim Cronin, the Concert Band, String Team and Woodwind Group.

It will take place at Tregynon Community Hall, near Newtown, at 7pm.

Tickets will be available on the door at £4 for adults and under 16s free.

Contact Karen Ramsay on (01691) 670198 or email englishclasses@hotmail.com

Two apple trees will boost the forest school project

Pam Kingsley

PUPILS at a school in Oswestry have been given two new apple trees for their Forest School.

The fruit trees were donated to Oswestry School by Incredible Edible Oswestry, which launched a community apple juice project last October.

And the trees will be used in lessons to teach the children about planting and growing, as well as providing tasty snacks.

Year 1 pupils at Bellan House, the school's prep department, spent an afternoon preparing the ground and planting the two new apple trees during their weekly visit to the Forest School, which is based at the senior school site, this week.

Incredible Edible Oswestry launched a community apple juice project last October. The group collected surplus locally-grown apples donated by the community to make hand-pressed juice at volunteer pressing days at Treflach Farm. The bottled and pasteurised juice was sold at Apple Day at Oswestry Market.

Money raised by the project was used to buy the trees, selected by apple expert Tom Adams, from Weston Rhyn.

Ceri Evans, a member of Incredible Edible Oswestry and a parent at the school, said: "The project has been a real success and some of the funds raised are now being used to plant apple trees at a number of local primary schools.

"It is hoped that having the trees on-site will enable pupils to learn about planting and growing, and, over the years, will provide lots of tasty fresh apples for pupils to enjoy." The trees will also be appreciated by other year groups at Bellan House.

Outdoor lessons in the Forest School range from learning about animal and insect habitats, and planting trees and flowers to learning about wildlife and working on eco projects.



Ceri Evans, of Incredible Edible, with Freddie Heasmer-Jones and Katherine Marshall

Request to council for living wages

STAFF at Oswestry Town Council have been told they could receive a "living wage" following a review due to take place in the next month.

Town council employees had hoped councillors would agree to pay them at least £7.65 per hour – the amount needed to meet the basic cost of living according to the Living Wage Foundation. The current hourly minimum wage for over 21s is currently £6.31.

The plea was put to councillors on Monday night by Councillor Duncan Kerr, but was rejected by the majority of members after it was pointed out that pay would be looked at in an upcoming staff review.

Councillor Martin Bennett, who chaired Monday's finance and general purposes committee meeting, said it would make more sense to look at pay alongside other issues affecting staff.

"We are in the middle of a review of services and staffing, and it may be more appropriate to wait for the result of that review, because it could be that things change," he said.

Councillor Kerr said in his motion that it would cost the authority £2,500 to ensure all its staff took home at least the Living Wage.

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Chance to improve skills in football

YOUNG footballers are being invited to improve their skills by taking part in a soccer week during the Easter holiday, run by a school in Oswestry.

Easter Soccer Week will be held at Oswestry School and has been organised for boys and girls aged four to 14. It will run from April 14 to 17.

Darren Hollingsworth, Oswestry School's director of sports, who is one of the event's organisers, said there are still places available.

"We have been running soccer events such as this at Oswestry School for several years now and they always prove highly popular," he said. "The course is designed for children of all abilities with an emphasis on the participants having fun and at the same time improving their skills and understanding of the game."

FA qualified, experienced coaches will supervise throughout the course which is taking place daily between 9am and 2.45pm.

Mr Hollingsworth added that all those attending must bring full football kit including boots and trainers, and a packed lunch.

For more information visit the Oswestry School website or telephone (01691) 681109.

Plans for old church to be cocktail bar and restaurant

By Iain St John

PLANS to breathe new life in to a former 19th century church in Shropshire could be given the go-ahead next month.

It comes after conservation experts said the proposal to transform the building in Oswestry into a new restaurant and cocktail bar were acceptable, if a problem over a disabled access is resolved.

Three flats will also be included in the transformation of the former Presbyterian church on Oswald Road.

Well-spoken students

A group of well-spoken students from Oswestry has been successful at a national competition held recently in London.

Four girls from Moreton Hall School in Weston Rhyn took part in the finals of the Thomas Cranmer Award held at St Matthew's Church in Westminster.

Helen Norman and Stephanie Christenson, both 13, and Emma Tilley and Mary Richardson, both 16, travelled to London last week for the contest, where they were representing the Lichfield Diocese.

During the competition they each had to recite from memory a passage of their choice from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

Emma, in the seniors category, and Helen, in the juniors group, were both delighted to be placed second, while Mary was Highly Commended in the seniors.

Merriel Halsall-Williams, head of spoken English at the school, said: "We are delighted with the success of this year's entrants. The standard was outstanding."

The plans would see the overall appearance of the building remain largely unaltered with the exception of altering the existing window to the front to provide wheelchair access.

Oswestry Town Council has been consulted on the plans and says its support the revamp, recommending that disabled access is a priority.

But historic environment officers at Shropshire Council have asked for the disabled access plans to be tweaked. Case officer Rebecca Jones says in her submissions: "It is proposed to install a new door within a modified window opening to the front elevation of the property to allow for disabled access. This is considered inappropriate and will impact on the character and appearance of the building losing the proportions and symmetry of the facade. "It is recommended that an alternative solution is sought for disabled access, an alternative route could bring the ramp access in using the existing ramp and extend the ramp up where the existing steps are to allow the disabled access to use the existing front door."

Shropshire Council hopes to make a decision on the application by April 24.

Oswestry Muslim Society got permission to use the building as a prayer centre last year. But the plans were abandoned.



Plans to breathe new life in to a former 19th century church

NEWS in brief

Police appealing for witnesses

POLICE investigating a shoplifting incident in Oswestry have issued an appeal for witnesses.

They want to hear from members of the public who helped two staff trying to detain a man outside the shop premises. The incident happened on February 14 at about noon outside the B & M Bargains store on English Walls.

Police Constable Kevin Balcombe, the investigating officer, said today: "I am appealing to anyone who witnessed this incident, especially those who assisted the shop staff, to please make contact with me at Oswestry police station on the 101 number."

Free course on cash management

A free money management course is being offered in Oswestry, from this week.

The three-week course teaches simple and practical ways of managing finances. It will run on Thursdays at 7pm in Milanos Coffee Shop, Church Street. VJ Lonsdale, from Purplefish, said: "CAP Money is a great course that is relevant to each individual person. It teaches budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system. It will help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can save, give and prevent debt." Details on 07964 726407.

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Clubs' delight at Rotary donations

by Pam Kingsley

FUNDRAISERS from Oswestry have handed over three cheques for £1,300 to local sports for the disabled organisations.

The Rotary Club of Oswestry gave the cheques as part of the distribution of funds from its successful 2013 Tree of Light event.

Marches Riding for the Disabled, The Cricket Federation for People with Disabilities and North Shropshire Special Olympics received the cheques at a presentation at Oswestry Leisure Centre, where the latter two organisations hold regular activities.

Dorothy Thomas, secretary of Marches Riding for the Disabled, said: "This donation is a great help to our finances. We are dependent on help like this in addition to our fundraising events to make our activities affordable to all our riders."

"Hiring suitable horses for our members to ride is our biggest expense and we will use the money to help with this."

The Cricket Federation for People with Disabilities was started in Oswestry and has long-standing links with Rotary.

Delighted

Its national chairman Dick Wildgoose said: "We are delighted to be benefitting once again from the Tree of Light and would like to thank the Rotary Club and the very generous people of the Oswestry area for helping us in this way."

"We will be using the money to help fund a major one-day tournament at Oswestry Cricket Club on July 9 this year, when we hope to have up to eight teams competing."

"This will be not only a great sporting occasion, but a great social event for our members."

Brian Johnson, chairman of North Shropshire Special Olympics, said: "All organisations like ours have a financial balancing act - trying



Presenting to The Cricket Federation for People with Disabilities



The North Shropshire Special Olympics group plan to participate in the National Table Tennis Championship in Crewe

to keep members' subscriptions affordable, yet still maintaining coaching and participation in a wide range of sports and events. This year we have ambitious plans to extend our membership and to participate in the National Table Tennis Championship in Crewe as well as significant badminton and swimming events. This donation will certainly help us with these aims and we are grateful to the Rotary Club and local people for their support once again.

Rotary Club President Stuart Phillips said the club was pleased to be able to help the organisations.

He said: "The Club has long admired the wonderful work of each of these three organisations. They each help to improve the quality of life of their disadvantaged members and the dedication and tenacity of the many people involved is quite humbling. The Rotary Club of Oswestry is proud to have been involved in organising this support for their activities."

Each year The Rotary Club of Oswestry organises its Tree of Light campaign around Christmastime to raise funds for charities.

"Christmas is a time to celebrate with loved ones, look back fondly over happy years and to

remember those we have loved and lost. For many it can also be a time of sadness, when the loss of a loved one is most keenly felt, a time when we particularly remember those people whom we love but, sadly, see no longer," said a club spokesman.

"But the Tree of Light is not only about remembering those we have lost. It is also about celebrating, a time to be glad and grateful for all of the gifts we have received and to remember how good life has been to us."

Over recent years the Tree of Light has raised thousands of pounds for charity.

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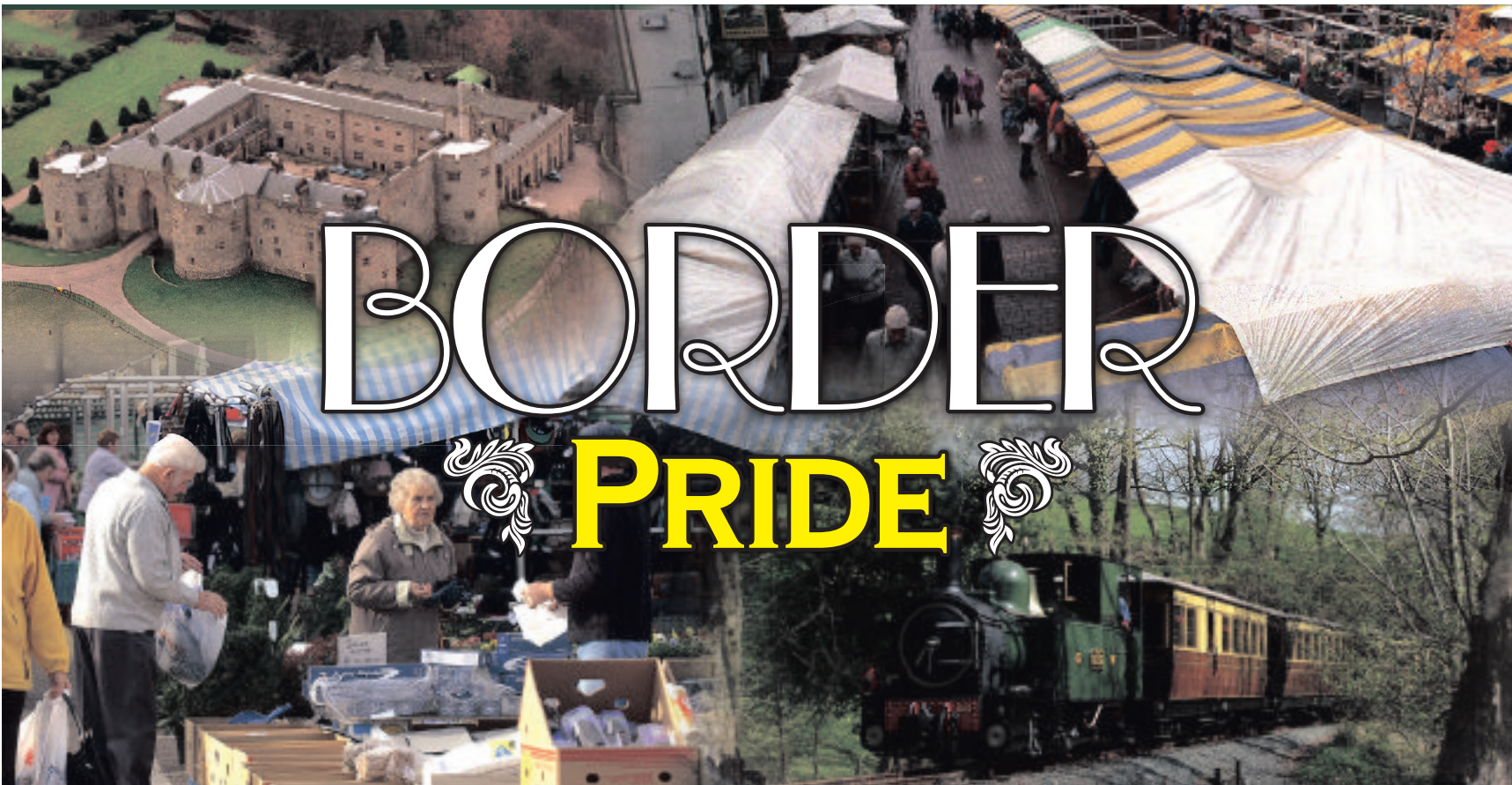
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The lavish production of Sweeney Todd on Monday, July 7, will be the curtain raiser for the 2014 festival which gets underway the following day while the curtain will come down with an appearance by legendary British rockers Status Quo on Sunday night, July 13.

Circus

In between Dutch jazz diva Caro Emerald will deliver a storming set on Thursday night while other top attractions include the Chinese State Circus and a new work by top composer Karl Jenkins.

The Choir of the World competition on the Saturday night is the blue riband event of the festival and remains one of the foremost competitions in the international choral calendar.

There will also be a competition to find the dance champions of 2014 and to top the evening off Richard and Adam, who shot to fame on Britain's *Got Talent*, will appear as special guests.

Outside the Royal International



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Osfest marks its fifth birthday

Oswestry & Border Chronicle Thursday, March 27, 2014



Osfest - which this year takes place on May 24 and 25 - is a great chance for music lovers of all ages to enjoy the festival atmosphere

Its Osfest's fifth birthday this year and the Oswestry-based event management company 7th Sense is planning major birthday celebrations.

The two-day music festival will be held this year on the May Bank Holiday Weekend, May

24 and 25. Headliners include Union J, Conor Maynard and Wilkinson.

Born in 2010, Osfest was created as a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages and families to enjoy a festival atmosphere with fantastic music, on their doorstep and at an

affordable cost. Previous years have seen, JLS, Example, Jaguar Skills, StooShe and Razorlight take to the stage.

Now, 2014 sees another multi-act line up.

Organisers say they only have 5,000 tickets available for this event, so do not miss out!

JLS are among the acts seen in previous years.

This year Osfest is very proud to announce that it is partnering The Isabelle Lottie Foundation in a bid to raise awareness of brain tumours in children and young adults. The festival will be spreading the message of the HeadSmart campaign and promoting blood

and platelet donation. The Foundation will be attending the weekend to raise funds through some fun activities.

Get your tickets from www.osfest.co.uk / or call (01691) 680468. Tickets start from £29.50 for day tickets and £55 for weekend tickets.

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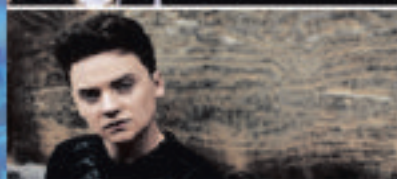
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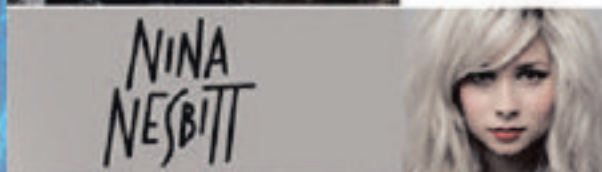
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Top tips for a lawn that's just to die for

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LIKE everything else in the garden, our lawns are learning to cope with the ups and downs of climate change.

Our lawns take a real battering as a result and we expect them to come back year after year. Well, they will. We take it for granted. Their ability to bounce back is amazing but that doesn't mean they don't need some help because every year it gets that bit more difficult. With a little time and effort you can have a handsome and healthy lawn for your family to enjoy which is the envy of all your friends and neighbours.

Here are Green Thumb's six tips to get your lawn off to a flying start.

1. Clean up. Rake away those dead leaves, twigs and branches. The less debris on the lawn, the healthier it'll be, not to mention the real benefit from increasing its exposure to sunlight.

2. Lawns don't like shade. Take a good look at those border plants, shrubs and trees – they all have a habit of encroaching on the lawn's space and weakening it by denying it light. Then get the secateurs out!

3. Check your mower is up to the job – it's not too late to get it serviced. Make sure the blade is sharp and keep it that way by buying a spare and swapping it over as the season progresses. Remember to raise the height of your first cut to just 'top' the grass – cutting it too low will put the grass into stress and set it back – just when you want to encourage it.

4. The ground starts to warm now



Green Thumb has the answers to keeping your lawn looking great

so it's a good time to repair those bare patches that always appear over winter. Carefully rake the patch to create a bed, sow the seeds with a little topsoil and don't let them dry out. They'll germinate in a few days. Don't mow or feed them until a few weeks have passed and they're well established.

5. Check out the weeds. If hand-picking isn't your thing and you don't fancy buying, storing and handling chemicals, get the professionals in.

6. Look out for sickly-looking

patches. Leatherjackets, the larval form of the 'Daddy Longlegs' can devastate a lawn in spring as they chomp through the roots of the grass. If you suspect a problem, get professional advice.

Jason & Vicki Bell run your local branch of GreenThumb, the UK's largest Lawn Treatment Service Company. Call 01691 655111 or log on to www.greenthumb.co.uk or email oswestry@greenthumb.co.uk for a free survey of your lawn.

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Revamped bungalow looks out over open countryside



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Fron Derw, Froncysyllte
Price: £275,000

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A wonderful opportunity to purchase a detached family home set within 3 acres of cottages, gardens, pasture land and woodland. In need of some modernisation this family home offers two reception rooms and three bedrooms with superb views of the Vale of Llangollen. This property benefits from outbuildings and cottage gardens. Current EPC Rating E.



Tan Y Twist, Llanrhaeadr
Price: £105,000

Contact Oswestry

This most charming and quaint village property can only be described as beautiful. An ideal investment or first time purchase, this property is available for sale with NO CHAIN and benefits from lovely character features throughout. Situated in an elevated position overlooking the village and to the hills in the distance. Current EPC Rating G



Lime Grove, Oswestry
Price: £114,995

Contact Oswestry

This family home offers spacious accommodation which has been updated by the current owners. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

- Dining Kitchen, Lounge
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Enclosed Garden
- Workshop, Parking Spaces
- Current EPC Rating D



Bryn Castell Gardens, Gobowen
Price: £249,995

Contact Oswestry

Opening out onto open countryside, this detached four bed property is situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Offering Two Reception Rooms, Conservatory, Master Suite, Good Size Rear Garden backing out on to the River Perry and open countryside. Warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Current EPC Rating C.



Honeypot house, West Felton
Price: £274,950

Contact Oswestry

An immaculate three bedroom semi detached barn conversion situated in a sleepy backwater position within the village of West Felton. This barn conversion fuses newly created contemporary interiors with traditional features including exposed roof trusses and circular window.

- Two Reception Rooms
- Contemporary kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Current EPC Rating E



The Old Barn
Nr Maesbrook

Contact Oswestry

This superbly presented converted threshing barn overlooks its own Equestrian Haven and is located conveniently for hacking routes. Sympathetically converted and restored and now provides stunning characterful accommodation which complements the contemporary interiors. Current EPC Rating D



Quarry Road, Glyn Ceiriog
Price: £399,950

Contact Oswestry

This detached family home is situated in an enchanting position nestled in the Cambrian Woods, down a quiet track providing seclusion but not isolation

- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Situated In Just Over 7 Acres
- Double Garage & Parking
- Detached Workshop / Studio
- Current EPC Rating D



Vine Cottages, Weston Rhyn
Price: £130,000

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This two double bedroom end of terrace cottage is tucked away within this popular village, only a short walk from the bus stop and village amenities. UPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating.

- Two Reception Rooms
- Master Bedroom & Ensuite
- Bedroom Two, Shower Room
- Two Parking, Garden
- Current EPC Rating D



Artillery Road, Park Hall
Price: £146,950

Contact Oswestry

This extended THREE bedroom family home is situated in a popular residential area with views across open countryside.

- 3 Bedroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Countryside Views To Rear
- Current EPC Rating F



College Road, Oswestry
Price: £169,950

Contact Oswestry

Occupying a large corner plot, this detached three bedroom bungalow has been updated by the current owners.

- 3 Bedroom
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Detached Garage, Car Port & Parking
- Large Corner Plot
- Current EPC Rating D



Upper Church Street, Oswestry
Price: £164,950

Contact Oswestry

A most handsome Georgian townhouse offers adaptable and spacious accommodation with immediate rental income if required.

- 3 Bed House
- 2 Bed Ground Floor Annex
- Gas Central Heating
- Walking Distance To Town
- Gardens
- Viewing Advised
- Current EPC Rating D
- NEW PRICE



Peach Tree House, Monfa, Llansilin
Price: £159,999

Contact Oswestry

Located centrally within this most popular village opposite the Church with lovely countryside walks on the door step yet within commutable distance to the local towns.

- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Countryside Walks
- Oil Central Heating
- Character Features
- Current EPC Rating F



Wootton Cottages, Queenshead
Price: £285,000

Contact Oswestry

A unique opportunity to purchase a COTTAGE with ANNEXE and LARGE WORKSHOP. Situated in a most convenient semi rural within a short drive from the A5 this property must be viewed to appreciate its full potential.

- Dining Room, Living Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Large Bathroom, Gardens
- Parking, Turning Forecourt
- Large 31ft long Workshop
- Current EPC Rating E



Deytheur, Llansatffraid
Price: £465,000

Contact Oswestry

Court View has been sympathetically renovated to an exceptional standard, taking into consideration and making the most of the commanding views and retaining many original features of an original and circa 1839 built barn.

- Drawing Room, Reading Room, Study, Dining Room, Lounge,
- Kitchen, Master Suite,
- Three further Bedrooms,
- Large Garage and Annexe
- Well Maintained Gardens
- Current EPC Rating G



Ochoryffordd, Nr Llanrhaeadr
Price: £399,950

Contact Oswestry

A superbly presented detached family home dating back to the early 19th century and set in a glorious rural location surrounded by magnificent countryside, and offering versatile accommodation in combination with excellent equestrian facilities. This property offers character and charm throughout. Current EPC Rating E.



Tynnewydd, Llanfechain
Price: £499,950

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This handsome property stands elegant in its own 3 1/2 acres of flat pasture land with stunning views to the hills. The property is believed to be over 200 years old and offers three double bedrooms, playroom, a snug/fourth bedroom, living room, sitting room, kitchen, dining room, ample parking and turning space with gardens laid. There potential stabling and an attached barn which could provide an annex (subject to the usual planning consents).



Moors Lane, St Martins
Price: £189,950

Contact Oswestry

This detached cottage dates back to the 1800's and is situated down a quiet 'No Through' country lane with access to lovely walks on the door step. This immaculate property needs to be viewed to appreciate the immaculate accommodation.

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OIRO £304,950



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EPC RATING C
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OIRO £269,950



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UTILITY ROOM
EPC RATING C
OIRO £269,950



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Oswestry **25 Grosvenor Road**
4 BED DET HOUSE
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CONSERVATORY
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SIMILAR PROPERTIES WANTED
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OIL CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
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Oswestry **18 Ferrers Road**
5 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £219,950



NEW PRICE
Oswestry **85 Cabin Lane**
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
OIRO £212,950



NEW
Whittington **17 Oaklands Drive**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING TBC
ASKING PRICE £169,950



SSTC
SIMILAR PROPERTIES WANTED
Oswestry **40 Park Avenue**
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3 RECEPTION ROOMS
UTILITY ROOM
EPC RATING TBC
OIRO £189,950



SSTC
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Oswestry **55 Henley Drive**
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EPC RATING C
OIRO £169,995



NEW
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OIRO £164,950



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CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING TBC
OIRO £149,950



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SIMILAR PROPERTIES WANTED
Oswestry **35 Ascot Road**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS WC
DETACHED GARAGE
OIRO £165,000



SSTC
SIMILAR PROPERTIES WANTED
Oswestry **6 Wats Drive**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £122,950



NEW
Oswestry **47 Walford Road**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £149,950



NEW
Chirk Bank **14 Telford Avenue**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
CONSERVATORY
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £149,950



NEW
St Martins **48 School Lane**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
LIVING ROOM/ DINER
EPC RATING D
OIRO £147,950



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Gobowen **22 Perry View**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING E
OIRO £144,950



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Oswestry **146 Unicorn Road**
2 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW
CONSERVATORY
LIVING ROOM/ DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £139,950



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Oswestry **14 Ambleside Road**
2 BED SEMI DETACHED
NO CHAIN
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £134,950



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Oswestry **7 Campbell Close**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £129,950



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Oswestry **29 Coppice Drive**
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KITCHEN/ DINER
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**Elgar Close
Oswestry £119,995**

- Well maintained 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Lounge
- Inner Hallway, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Tarmac driveway and carport providing ample off-road parking
- Rear terraced seating areas enjoying view across the garden
- Excellent rear garden with superb views across the town
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating

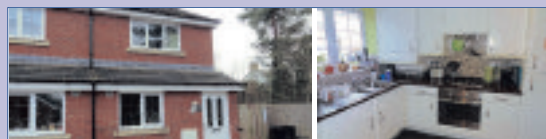
OFFAS Close Treflach £370,000

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- Spacious 5 bedroom family home in an elevated position with views
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- Utility/Shower Rm, Games Rm (could be used as a ground floor bed/annex)
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- 3 other Bedrooms served by Family Bathroom, Study/Bedrm 6
- Private gardens to rear, graveled paved seating areas
- Large graveled driveway. uPVC D/G & Oil C/H. EPC Rating C


NEW
**Hampton Road
Oswestry £243,995**

- A well presented 3 Bedroom Link Detached Bungalow
- The property has been extended by the current owner
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility
- Master Bed with adjoining WC, 2 further Beds & Family Bathroom
- Good size rear garden, single garage and 2 driveways
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating D


NEW
**Heritage Way
Llanymynech £119,995**

- An excellent 2 Bedroom End Terrace Property on a corner plot
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size private rear garden with patio and garden shed
- 2 designated parking spaces and vegetable garden
- uPVC double glazing and propane Gas C/H. EPC Rating C


NEW
**Springfield Gardens
West Felton £215,000**

- 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow in a Popular Village Location
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Rm, Recently Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory
- Recently Fitted Bathroom, 2 Beds, Large Drive, Single Garage, WC
- UPVC D/G, Fascias and Soffits Oil C/H. EPC Rating D


**Bay Trees Close
St Martins £116,995**

- Comfortably appointed Semi-Detached House
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- Sun Rm, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gardens to fore and rear
- Parking for several vehicles
- Majority double glazing, Gas C/H
- Cavity wall insulation, EPC Rating C


NO CHAIN
**Maes Beuno
Berriew £119,995**

- Deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom End-Terrace set in a large corner plot
- Requires some modernisation, views over the Shropshire Union Canal
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen
- Utility, Storage Shed, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- uPVC double glazing throughout. EPC Rating F


NO CHAIN
**Roundwood Close
Oswestry £139,995**

- Well maintained 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow in a popular area
- Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom.
- Ample off-road parking, detached garage and low maintenance gardens
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing throughout. EPC Rating D


NO CHAIN
**The Cross
Gobowen £249,995**

- Period Detached house extensively renovated by the current owners
- Entrance Hall, Cellar, Lounge, Family Room, Study, Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloakroom, Master Bedroom (En-Suite)
- 3 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Good size garden to the rear and ample off-road parking to the front
- Gas fired central heating is installed. EPC Rating E


NO CHAIN
**Kimberley Lane
St Martins £227,000**

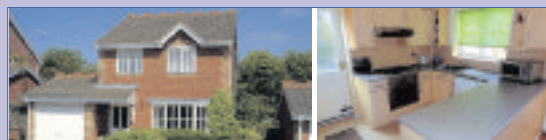
- A spacious and well appointed three bedroom detached bungalow
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Conservatory, Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room, 3 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom.
- Easy to maintain gardens. Integral garage and off road parking
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NO CHAIN
**The Cross
Weston Rhyn £189,995**

- A spacious 3 Bedroom End-Terrace Property
- Formerly the Doctor's Surgery dating back to the late 1800's
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining/Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Cloakroom, Cellar, 2 Double Bedrooms, Wet Room
- Second Floor Master Suite with En-Suite Shower Room
- Excellent garden to rear with flowering beds & mature shrubs
- Double glazing and oil fired central heating. EPC Rating E


**Delfan Pant
£189,995**

- A well appointed and spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Property
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, S
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- Good size gardens with a patio & raised seating area/balcony
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- Double glazing and oil fired central heating. EPC Rating D


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**Poplar Close
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- Deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Family Home
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"It's important to use the pharmacist as we stock so many different options and products which can make people feel more comfortable – for example parents with children with chickenpox often say they need an emergency appointment at the doctor but what they need to make their child more comfortable is over the counter products."

Mr Gentle said his team offer a full



John Gentle and his team at Caxton Pharmacy are happy to help programme of services including special events in the run up to national awareness days including No Smoking Day which took place earlier this month.

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In the past few years, DMS has managed to achieve a number of notable results, ranging from overall rally wins to championship titles, such as BTRDA production cup champions, British Fiesta Sport Trophy Champions, Subaru Cup champions.

They finished second and third overall in the 2012 British Rally Championship – the pinnacle of rallying in the UK. In addition to motorsport, DMS now offers a full range of road car services, it has latest vehicle diagnostic equipment as well as offering servicing and repairs, clutches cambelts and all other work. It can also supply a full range of vehicle upgrades, from suspension and brake kits to exhausts and high performance fluids. It offers a competitive and friendly service so call in at Henfaes Lane for a quote.

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BORDER PRIDE

Imps prepare to thrill show crowd



The Imps motorcycle display team will appear at Oswestry Show

OSWESTRY Show, one of the leading one day agricultural shows, will be held on Saturday August 2 on the 37 acre Park Hall Showground on the outskirts of the historical town of Oswestry.

The event attracts crowds of 15,000 from both sides of the English/Welsh border and there is plenty on offer for both the country and town people.

In keeping with its traditional agricultural links classes are held for cattle, sheep, goats and rare breeds along with a popular sheep shearing competition. Oswestry also boasts a varied horse section.

This year, the Imps Motorcycle Display Team, sponsored by Llansillin Tractors, will make a welcome return to the main ring, along with the Mounted Games of Great Britain. The Imps is a youth organisation which has seen more than 2,000 youngsters pass through its ranks. Members have performed at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo where they were watched by a live audience of 217,000 and more than a million on TV.

From the sound of revving engines to the awe of a billowing fire jump and the suspense of a multiple motorcycle combination 'cross-over' routine, The Imps will have you mesmerised by an unmissable display of discipline and skill.

Meanwhile, there will also be a varied programme of music, dance and children's entertainment on show on the Village Green.

Visitors can enjoy browsing around the many Trade Stands, Food Hall and Craft Marquee. A floral spectacular can be found in the Horticultural Marquee, along with amazing creations produced by the junior members in the children's classes. Other areas of interest are the Small Livestock Building, Vintage Machinery, Classic Cars, Young Farmers and Women's Institute Competitions.



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Leanne explained: "Magnolia Memorials was introduced as an additional way for us to offer our support to grieving families during such an emotionally-draining and difficult time."

"When a family suffers a loss not only do they have to cope with the trauma, but they also have to make numerous arrangements such as organising the funeral service, burial or



Aubrey Kirkham and Leanne Garvey of Magnolia Memorials

cremation.

"Our service provides families with access to a beautiful range of memorials without the added stress of sourcing them separately."

"We're proud to introduce our new range of sandstone memorials, which we hope will provide families with a

wider choice, and help them find that perfectly suited tribute to remember their loved one."

For further information about Magnolia Memorials, please contact Leanne Garvey on 01743 368999. Alternatively, please visit www.magnoliamemorials.co.uk

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Oswestry Market has a history that dates back centuries

MARKETS have been a major part of the trading and historical importance of Oswestry and have existed for many centuries.

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Oswestry Indoor Market recently took first prize in the category of Best Local Council Market in the KPR Midlink Ltd Market of the Year 2013 competition.

The Powis Hall indoor market is open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

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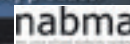
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Hospital chiefs get taste of patient meals

THE county's hospital chiefs were invited to taste the food dished out to patients as part of a drive to improve nutrition in the NHS.

Trust executives at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital were served a patient meal as part of Nutrition and Hydration week.

Patient representatives also tried the food on offer and looked at the numerous menus available.

The trust has come under fire in recent weeks after heart attack victim Steve Powell took pictures of the unappetising meal he received during his stay at the RSH this year.

Staff are now trying to improve standards and hope to return to more traditional methods by having ward staff serve meals.

Difference

Graeme Mitchell, associate director for patient quality and experience, believes meal times need to become more personal. He said: "It isn't just about the food, it's the whole patient experience that we're looking at because it can make such a massive difference.

"Meal times are a real focus point for a lot of patients, and we hope to return to a system where staff on the ward will serve the food.

"They will know which patient may not be feeling so good and so forth and that patient may just want a small helping of something, at the moment we don't have the ability to do that." Nutrition and Hydration week is a national campaign, and RSH held events throughout the week including afternoon tea and a lunch club. Mr Mitchell said: "We haven't always got things right but this is a brilliant way of seeing how we can improve things for everyone."

Author bringing Sherlock Holmes stories up to date



Author Charlotte Anne Walters, of Shifnal, with her latest book



The traditional Holmes and Watson

WHAT would the world's greatest detective be like if he could step out of the pea souper smogs of Victorian London and into the modern age?

How would a world of smartphones, computers, television and international flights affect a character conceived in a world of tele-

By Liza Radley

grams, blackboards, music hall and steam ships?

It's a question that has been asked by the makers of Sherlock, the hugely popular TV series, and Elementary, which took the same idea and moved it to New York. Now a county author has published her own take on the

most famous fictional detective of all time, bringing the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle up-to-date in the London of 2014.

In 'Charlie Milverton and Other Sherlock Holmes Stories' Charlotte Anne Walters takes five of Conan Doyle's original tales and brings them very much up-to-date so that Holmes is now working in a world inhabited

by Premier league footballers, the paparazzi and glamour models. Charlotte, aged 35, from Shifnal, said: "For me, what has always stood out about the original 56 Sherlock Holmes stories is the friendship between the detective and his ever-faithful friend Doctor Watson - this is timeless and something readers from any generation can associate with."

'Charlie Milverton and Other Sherlock Holmes stories' (published by MX Publishing) is available both in paperback (£7.99) and electronic formats (£5.99). Each of the short stories is also available to buy individually via Kindle for £1.99. The paperback is available from Waterstone's and other bookshops or can be ordered online via Amazon.

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Ramblers enjoyed walks and plan more

A GROUP of 18 members of Oswestry Ramblers turned out for a blustery four mile walk around Trefonen.

The group headed north, soon picking up Offa's Dyke path before skirting the slopes of Mynydd Mytyr.

On Sunday six walkers set off from Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant for a pleasant walk to Llanarmon Mynydd Mawr.

Eight members travelled to the Stone Circle at Mitchells Fold for a 7.5 mile walk up Corndon Hill where they were rewarded with views to the snow capped peaks of North Wales.

This week will see three walks taking place. Today there will be a five mile moderate walk around Yorton and Clive. Meet at Gatacre car park for 10am departure or call Peter on (01691) 661714.

On Sunday there will be a nine mile moderate walk from Llanymynech along part of the Shropshire Way and over Llanymynech Hill to return via the canal towpath. Meet at Oswestry's Central car park for a 9.30am departure or call (01691) 654066.

A group will meet for a seven mile moderate walk from Acrefair. Meet at Oswestry's Central Car Park for a 10am departure or call (01691) 718427.



The paybook of Sapper Jones.



The letter asking for a photo.



Some of the entries inside.



The paybook includes this photo of The Great Stone of Baalbek.



Is this Sapper Jones as a youngster at his father's shop?

Paybook reveals soldier's good deed

THE Great War conjures up images of soldiers in muddy trenches. It is easy to overlook their day-to-day life – and that they were paid.

Now the paybook of an Oswestry soldier in the conflict gives an insight into this aspect and also, incidentally, into the heartbreak of a bereaved family

wanting something tangible to remember their fallen son by.

The paybook has been loaned by John Lythe of Whittington, but was among the collection of his brother Doug who died last September at the age of 89. Doug, from Lime Grove in Oswestry, was a great collector of material relating to his home town and it seems certain that the paybook was one of the items he obtained from the

clearance years ago of a tailor's shop called London House, run by a Mr Jones in Willow Street.

You may recall that John also loaned us a picture of this shop from perhaps 100 years ago which showed a young person standing outside.

"I think the paybook belongs to E.L. Jones who is standing in front of the shop. He was Sapper Jones of the Royal Engi-

neers who served from 1916 to 1919. In the pocket of the first page and you'll find letters from a family in Machynlleth asking for a photo of the hospital cemetery where their son was buried. In another letter you will see that he sent the family the photos and received a thank you letter.

"It really brings it home to read them and understand what a terrible thing it was to lose a family member," said John.

Library cards are given to children

LIBRARIES and schools in Powys will be among the first in Wales to provide cards for youngsters to borrow books.

The rollout of free library cards has been started by the Welsh Assembly.

All children aged eight and nine have been sent cards.

Powys was one of the first counties to get involved with the scheme, the Assembly said.

John Griffiths, minister for culture and sport, said: "The link between library usage and literacy levels is well-documented – over 42,000 children in Wales took part in last year's summer reading challenge which ran in 245 libraries across the country.

"Those children that took part maintained or improved their reading levels and we are hoping to build on this by giving every child the opportunity to use their library to borrow books and access all the other services available to them.

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The science behind parenthood

by David Burrows

FOR most couples wanting to start a family, the whole process comes quite naturally. But for the unfortunate few, natural pregnancy is not possible – and that is where science takes over.

Jason Kasraie is a consultant embryologist and fertility services manager at the Royal Shrewsbury and Princess Royal hospitals.

Although he describes what he and his team do as “relatively straightforward”, it can have a huge impact on the lives of their patients.

“We tend to be the ones that have a lot of patient contact and we have relatively high levels of responsibility,” says Jason.

“We work in partnership which involves the medical team, gynaecology and embryology to help patients achieve pregnancy.

“It is not always IVF that is necessary. Sometimes there can be more simple treatments.”

Those treatments range from artificial insemination, which involves directly inserting sperm into a woman’s womb, through to IVF, where an egg is surgically removed from the woman’s ovaries and fertilised with sperm in a laboratory.

“It is a day to day procedure now,” says Jason. “It is very special in that we can produce a baby from it, but the actual process is fairly routine.”

So specialised has the field become that sometimes just one sperm is needed.

Jason says: “There is a procedure called intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection, which involves injecting just one sperm into an egg in order to fertilise it.

“There have been a few cases where just one sperm and one egg have produced a pregnancy. This is particularly helpful when you are dealing with male infertility.”

About 500 couples a year benefit from fer-



Jason Kasraie and Helene Cloete at the RSH.



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A human egg about to be injected with a sperm.

tility treatment in Shropshire. Patients speak to medical team and come up with a plan, we take them through the process. They won’t see an embryologist until they are ready to be treated,” Jason explains.

“A large part of my job is research and development.

“It is a very fast moving field and a lot of my work involves us bringing in new techniques to help patients.

“One of the things that motivates me is that we are continually trying to improve and develop those processes. If you look at how we

have improved over the last 20 years, when there was about a 15 to 20 per cent success rate for each time a couple tried. Now nationally it is much higher. In Shropshire for women under 35 the success rate is 45 per cent.

“It is an exciting time for us. Healthcare science is moving very quickly.

“Healthcare training has been established for my profession for a couple of decades but now other healthcare science professions are also developing better career and training pathways.

“About 80 per cent of diagnosis are done

by healthcare scientists and often the patient never sees them.

“When people talk about the NHS quite rightly they talk about doctors and nurses but it is important to remember there is a significant number of other hard working professionals behind the scenes.”

And Jason knows just how important his work is to his patients, and how much it really matters.

“People underestimate the drive to have children,” he says.

“Only one in six couples need help but even

for those that don’t, trying for three to six months can be quite stressful. If you multiply that by the years that some have tried before coming to us, you get some idea of the pressure.

“We are fulfilling a life need if you look at it in purely scientific or Darwinian terms.

“Funny enough, none of the couples we help complain about sleepless nights when they have a baby. Last week we had an event where some of the couples brought their babies in. It’s good for us to see the end result of our work.”

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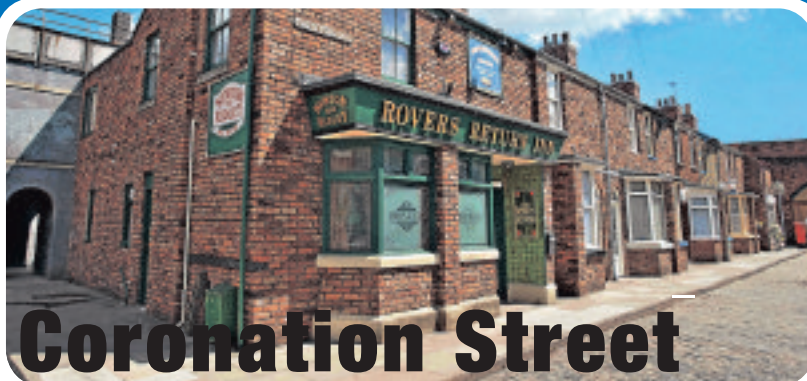
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All wildlife art begins with a love of animals

AS a small child, I was fascinated by spring, that eventual awakening of the natural world from the slumbers (both actual and metaphorical) of winter.

As a slightly larger being I still revel in its beauty and enchantments. If I find a badger sett en route during a walk, I'll always peer down the tunnel and look for footprints.

If I hear a cooing wood pigeon or collared dove I might, so long as there's no-one in the immediate vicinity, have a go at calling the bird closer to me. A day is never the same in the natural world and it's that dynamic fluctuation of space and time with the things that live in both, that have always captivated me.

Enthusiasm

When anyone says to me 'you must have been born with your artistic talent', I cringe a little and point out that they would certainly not have said that 10 years ago! But I have always been fascinated with the natural world, it never left me, and when art lessons came along, that's the subject I poured my enthusiasm into.

This point was rather charmingly enforced a few weeks ago when I led an art workshop at Hope C E Primary School, not far from Minsterley.

I was drawn to Hope straight away. When trying to find it on a map (it's not that easy!) I was happy to find it ensconced in the middle of a variety of different copices...truly out in the sticks.

In the workshops I do, I usually find that

ON THE WILDSIDE
with Ben Waddams



those students, child and adult alike, that benefit from my teachings the most are those that have that same innate appreciation and wonder for the animals we are attempting to draw or paint. If you're interested in the feathery hairs of a dog's ear, you firstly know that they exist and how they should look...then all I need to do is tell you how they can be painted.

Likewise I was always finding and picking up the unfortunate corpses of shrews, frogs and garden birds from the roadside (and don't even get me started on owl pellets!) and henceforth I knew how they should look, inside and out if and when I came to draw them.

The students at Hope thankfully were 'into wildlife'. One of them had even painted her favourite bird, the Starling, and brought it in to show me before the day began. In the session we spent almost as much time talking about mammals and birds as we did drawing them.

Wildlife art is often criticised by 'art experts' as rather amateurish and of little importance but the first images of art anywhere on the planet were of wildlife and since then it has been inextricably linked to scientific study and now, conservation, this art form is probably the most important to the planet. Ben's wildlife art can be seen in Callaghan's Fine Paintings, Shrewsbury.



Hope Primary School youngsters get sketching at the workshop.

Easter egg trail is organised to help raise funds

FUNDRAISERS in a village hope their Easter egg trail this year will enjoy typically pleasant spring weather – after their event last year had to be called off because of snow.

The Friends of West Felton Primary School have organised for the family event to be held around the woodland grounds of the Pradoe Estate.

Due to circumstances beyond the group's control, the trial will now be held on April 6 rather than April 5 but organisers say they hope the change of date won't affect the number of people taking part.

And they say they are also hoping for fine spring weather rather than freezing wintery weather which saw the event cancelled last year.

Samantha Griffith Norris, from the Friends group, said: "Our fundraising egg trial was cancelled last year because of the snow and so we're hoping for glorious sunshine this year."

"We are a small group of parents trying to fund raise to help pay for some added extras such as guitar lessons and subsidise all school trip coach travel.

"Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the date of the Easter egg trail.

"It will now be held on April 6 at Pradoe Church, close to West Felton, near Oswestry.

"This family event will start at 11.30am and the last map will be sold at 3pm.

"Come and buy a map and clue sheet for £2 each and follow the clues, which will be dotted around the woodland grounds of the beautiful Pradoe Estate, to help you solve the quiz.

"Return your completed map and clue sheet to Pradoe Church and you'll receive an Easter egg.

"All correct answers go into a hat and the winner will receive a prize.

"Plus we'll be holding an Easter bonnet competition with the first prize being a £5 gift voucher from Molly's sweet shop.

"There will also be a raffle, lucky dip, tea and cakes, freshly made pancakes, hot dogs and jacket potatoes.

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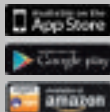


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THE ARTS

Acclaimed author to talk about her novel

by Pam Kingsley

A bookshop in Oswestry will be hosting an international author event tonight as Australian author Hannah Kent visits to talk about her Iceland-inspired first novel.

Hannah, who is from Adelaide, will be spending the evening at Booka Bookshop, Church Street, to share stories about her highly acclaimed debut novel, *Burial Rites*.

Carrie Morris, from Booka, said: "Burial Rites is a stunning book and we are delighted to be hosting this event."

"Hannah will be signing copies of the book during the evening and answering questions from the audience as well."

Condemned

"If there is anyone who is unable to attend the event but would like a signed and dedicated copy of *Burial Rites*, they can contact us to arrange that."

As a teenager Hannah travelled to Iceland on a Rotary Exchange visit, where first heard the story of Agnes Magnúsdóttir – the last person to be executed in Iceland after being convicted of the murder of two men on March 14, 1828.

Burial Rites is the story of Agnes after she was condemned to death for murdering her lover.

While Agnes alone knows the truth of what happened, she has to deal with a family forced to take her in, a priest tasked with absolving her, and the ap-



Hannah Kent

proaching winter and her execution date.

The novel was shortlisted for the Guardian First Book Award 2013 and has since been translated into 20 languages.

Hannah will be at Booka from 7pm tonight for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets cost £8, with £5 redeemable

against book purchases on the night. Refreshments will be provided.

To book tickets for the book signing event or to request a signed copy of

Burial Rites please call in at the shop to ask or phone (01691) 662244.

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Classical violinist set to perform at church

GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts

ALL you music fans are in for a busy week this week, with a whole host of exciting events worth checking out.

Kicking things off will be classical violinist Jennifer Pike who will be at The Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry on Friday.

Joining Jennifer will be the Northern Chamber Orchestra, one of the UK's most respected professional ensembles.

A graduate of Chetham's School of Music, Jennifer has a long history with the orchestra having first performed with them when she was only 12.

It was not long after this that Jennifer won the BBC's Young Musician of the Year Award.

An incredibly talented and versatile musician, Jennifer is the only classical artist to ever win the South Bank Show/Times Breakthrough Award.

Directed by Nicholas Ward, The Northern Chamber Orchestra are noted for their consummate professionalism and exceptional playing.

The concert will feature a diverse programme which will include Mendelssohn's String Symphony No.1 and Bruch's Violin Concerto.

This is a concert that no classical music fan should miss out on.

There will be a talk with Jennifer Pike at 6:45pm before the show starts,



Jennifer Pike

with concert starting at 7.30pm. Tickets for the event are priced at £18 for adults and £9 for young people. ring 01691 654510.

The ever talented Chris Dumville will be playing at The Lowfield Inn, Marton this Friday. The gig starts at 8pm and is free.

Seasoned singer songwriter Dangerous Dave Rea will be performing at

The Royal Oak, Welshpool on Friday night. The gig starts at 9pm.

Head over to The Hermon Chapel, Oswestry on Sunday for Rural Tumult a special event featuring music from noise merchants Furrow and friends.

The main draw will be The Fall, a collaborative project between the two bands Furrow and Wynford. The gig starts at 7.30pm.

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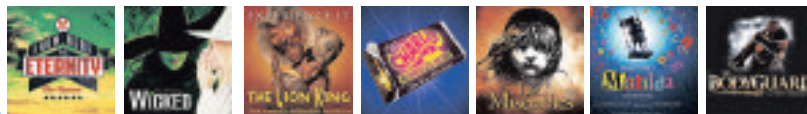
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MARKETS

OSWESTRY LIVESTOCK
AUCTIONS

MARKET REPORT

March 9, 2014
FAT CATTLE: (66)
 Seasonal entry of cattle forward again today met another firm trade on the clean but the bulls a little harder work today. Top slots hit 246p for Steers and Heifers, bulls were 207p. Highest price in the lump was £1486 for a steer. Bottom book of 125p for a lean friesian bull. An overall market average of 188p was achieved. If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office.
 Young Bulls (16) Overall Average 170p
 Medium Bulls (2) Average 154p (£800/head) Selling to 163p from C E Evans
 Lower Hendre
 Heavy Bulls (14) Average 172p (£1080/head) Selling to 207p from H M Jones
 Hafod Yr Esgeb
 Steers (20) Overall Average 173p.
 Light Steers (2) Average 128p (£570/head) Selling to 130p from B P Lewis
 Pentre Farm
 Medium Steers (3) Average 176.5p (£965/head) Selling to 197p from R E Lewis
 Manor Farm
 Heavy Steers (15) Average 177p (£125/head) Selling to 246p from F W Humphreys
 Brook House
 Heifers (30) Overall Average 209p
 Medium Heifers (1) Selling to 168p (£672/head) from J B Lawrence
 Old Nant Farm
 Heavy Heifers (29) Average 210p (£1165/head) Selling to 246p from W Hughes & Son
 Wen Farm

Again bulls harder but the clean cattle on the whole would have been a slightly firmer trade. Thank you for your continued support.

FAT HOGGETS: (3141)

An excellent entry of 3141 fat hogs on Wednesday 19th March 2014. There were also 5 spring lambs which averaged £116.60 or 269p/kg from G R Mosley & Son Dairy Barn. 118 light hogs averaged 209p/kg with the top call being 220p/kg or £66 for 30kg hogs from J & T Gittins Trefnanny. 508 standard hogs averaged 206p/kg with a top call of 236p/kg from H F Jones Tynewydd central hogs averaged 33.5kg making £79.955 medium hogs averaged 211p/kg peaking at 235p/kg from G R Mosley & Son Dairy Barn with 42.5kg hogs making £100.1204 heavy's and overweighters averaged 205p/kg and 179.5p/kg respectively with the average per head being £101. Superlights to 194p average 188.5p Lights to 220p average 209p, Standards to 236p average 206p, Mediums to 235p average 211p, Heavy's to 224p average 205p, Others to 197p average 179.5p. Overall average 209.5p.

FAT EWES: (454)

A seasonal entry of ewes met with an improving trade and increased overall average of £54. A top price of £120 went to 4 smart Texel ewes from J H Morris, Llyncllys. A small entry of only 12 rams averaged £68 with a top price of £78 for a tup from G W Hughes, Selattyn.

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (94)

A very large presentation of variable quality selling a marginally easier trade with only the very best continental Bulls creating strong demand.

Poorer sorts somewhat discounted today. British Blue Bulls to £420 from Messrs Evans Dalgelynnen £400 & £330 from Messrs Jones Ladyhill £348 from Messrs Davies Summer Hill £295 from Messrs Whittall Lower Maen.

Limousin Bulls to £360 from Messrs Lloyd Roberts Pennant Farm. Aberdeen Angus Bulls to £215 from Messes Ede Willow Farm £210 from Messrs Jones Maesderw.

British Blue Heifers to £235 from Messrs Jones Nantgoch £214 from Messrs Evans Forge Farm. Simmental Heifers to £192 from Messrs Lewis Jones Grange Farm. Aberdeen Angus Heifers to £170 from Messes Ede Willow Farm.

Friesian Bulls to £130 & 378 from Messrs Lloyd Roberts Pennant Farm.

Weanlings: Friesian Steers 6mo to £250 & £240 from Messrs Jones Lyneal Hall.

U72 & CULL COWS:
(33)

An entry of 33 cattle met with a fantastic trade again. Demand was very strong for all classes and types of cattle on offer. Top price Cow 173p/kg Heifer 164p/kg Steer 186p/kg and Stock Bull 135p/kg

Cows

Limousin to 173p average 131.21p/kg

Friesian to 128p average

111.41p/kg
Heifers
Limousin to 164p
Friesian to 110p
Steers
Limousin to 186p
Friesian to 141p average
136.91p/kg
33 Cattle average 125.37p/kg
If any vendor has changed their Farm Assured details please could you notify the market office 01691 653547 so our data base can be updated many thanks

**WELSHPOOL
LIVESTOCK SALES
MESSRS MORRIS
MARSHALL & POOLE
AND NORMAN LLOYD.**

Welshpool Livestock Sales report on a lively auction at Buttington Cross Welshpool on Monday, March 24.

OTMS (32)

An increased entry of 32 over thirty month cattle realised an average of 126.25ppkg, and 128.57ppkg for the younger cows. A British Blue weighing 889kg from Mr Gwilym Pugh, Hill View, made £1200.15.

Therefore Mr Pugh receives the Briarwood Products LTD prize of £25 for highest priced OTM on the day.
A Limousin OTM cow from Mrs F D Lloyd & Son, Bedwgwylm, weighing 690kg made £1145.40.

A British Blue younger cow weighing 662kg presented by B L Griffiths, Lower Penygelli, made £1204.84.

A Limousin OTM bull weighing 992kg from B Haynes, Moydog Uchaf, made £1279.68.

An British Blue under 48 months heifer weighing 751kg, presented by B L Griffiths, Lower Penygelli, made £1607.14.

FAT CATTLE (11)

An entry of 11 fat cattle averaged 220.08ppkg. A Limousin Heifer weighing 516kg presented by GW & BA Haynes, Trefnant Isaf, made 249ppkg, Messrs Haynes are therefore in receipt of the Briarwood Products LTD prize of £25. A Blonde D'Aquataine and another Limousin heifer from the same vendor weighing 516kg and 506kg made 239ppkg and 227ppkg respectively. From Evans Bros, Tyn-e-wydd, were three heavy Limousin steers weighing 561kg, 569kg and 570kg made 229ppkg, 226ppkg and 210ppkg respectively.

PRIME HOGGETS (4543)

An entry of 4543 prime hoggets averaged 216.08 pp/kg.
Super Lights (55) to 230pp/kg from D E Morgan & Co, Cefntwlch.
Others to 205pp/kg from P W & G Humphreys, Fron Farm. Average of 179.25pp/kg.

Lights (305) to 228pp/kg from A G & G Rowlands, Tynant. Others to 225pp/kg from A G & G Rowlands, Tynant. Average of 215.7pp/kg.

Standards (551) to 238pp/kg from F P Gethin & J P Jones, Gwerngo and A J Powell T/A J P Farms, Lwynmawr.

Others to 229pp/kg from A G & G Rowlands, Tynant. Average of 209.81 pp/kg.

Mediums (1650) to 256pp/kg from D Langford, Gaer. Others to 245pp/kg from F G & G Mountford, Middle Heldre. Average of 218.27pp/kg.

Heavies (382) to 236pp/kg from E W Jones, Tynanyfoel. Others to 234pp/kg from JR JM JP Andrew, Bronheulog.

Average of 213.97pp/kg.

Over Weights (517) to 200pp/kg from E W Jones, Tynanyfoel. Others to 195pp/kg from D Jones, Vastre Farm and Lythwood Sheep LTD. Average of 182.05pp/kg.

PRIME LAMBS

An entry of 8 prime lambs averaged 263.14 pp/kg Standards (3) to 278 pp/kg from C Crowther, East Dudston. Others to 260 pp/kg from B R Corfield, Rhos Royal Farm. Average of 272.12pp/kg. Mediums (2) to 251 pp/kg from B R Corfield, Rhos Royal Farm. Average of 251 pp/kg. Heavies (3) to 235 pp/kg from C Crowther, East Dudston. Others to 227 pp/kg from Janet Davies, Tyncoed Bungalow. Average of 229.66 pp/kg

CULL EWE (872)

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A smaller entry of 872
culls resulted in increased

averages for the ewes of £65.09 and £83.70 for the rams. The ewes topped at £126 from ME & MB Roberts, Woodleasowes. A pen of 6 from H G Ellis & Co, Tynywern, made £109. The cull rams topped at £116 for a pen of two from J E Lewis, Coedyweeg. A cull ram from JD & LJ Andrew, Winllan, made £114. Weekly sale of cull sheep to follow immediately after the sale of prime lambs at approx 12 noon.

STORE LAMBS

Store Lambs: This week we have seen a reduced entry of 90 store lambs, achieving an overall average of £60.32 with the top price of £79 coming from a M H Pugh, Gilfach for a Texel cross Ewe Lamb. The same price was also achieved by D Morris, Tycocf for a Charollais weaver lamb. Two pens of mixed and clean lambs brought forward from CE and GT Davies, Derwen and also D O Jones and Son produced a top price of £69.50. **Couples:** An increased entry of 99 ewes and lambs to last week. Top price of the day was achieved by A Evans, Brynperffaiath as last week for full mouth Mule ewes with twin lambs at foot realising £150.00. **Cade lambs:** Cade lambs were seen selling to an average of £12.30 seeing a brighter trade this week. Top price of the day was achieved by E Botwood, Bailey Reddy of £22.

Same again next week
with store lambs sold from
10.30am followed with
ewes and lambs complet-

ing with the sale of cadel
lambs.

DAIRY CATTLE

An excellent quality entry forward met with a trade they deserved with plenty of buyers in attendance, with only one cow under £1600, and all heifers for ward £1680 plus. An entry of 6 pedigree heifers from T G Phillips & Co, Burgeadin, sold to a top if £2170 for a Woodmarsh Melburn sired heifer giving 38L/day. This was closely followed by a similar heifer, sired by the same bull, which made £2160. A Netaway Pilot sired heifer from the same home made £2040, with a Sandy Valley Denetnor heifer selling for £2030. Overall the heifers averaged £2010. D E Davies & Son, Gornal Farm, sold two sweet heifers sired by Infernal and Pennyblack for £1950 and £1700. M R Williams, Wern Holding, sold a heifer for £1720. A breakdown of the prices achieved were as follows £2000 + 4 lots; £1800-£2000 2 lots; £1600-£1800 3 lots; <£1600 1 lot.

Forthcoming Sales

Overcoming Sales
Tuesday, April 8 – Store
Cattle to include Organics
and Weanlings
Monday, April 14 – Easter
Spring Lamb Show & Sale
Tuesday, April 29 – April
store cattle fair
Friday, May 2-Sale of Pedi-
gree Charolais cattle
Tuesday, May 13 – Store
Cattle to include Organics
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Thursday, May 15- Sale
of Pedigree Limousin, Sim-
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Tuesday, May 27 May
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Lexus Stay safe in style

By Graham Breeze

THE new Lexus IS300h is not just a luxury car, it's also one of the safest cars on the road, having been declared the best in its class for safety by Euro NCAP.

The amazing hybrid saloon has achieved the highest ratings in the "large family" category in NCAP's 2013 safety performance testing programme, achieving the top overall five-star rating.

The IS 300h excelled in each area of testing, including adult occupant safety, child occupant safety, pedestrian protection and safety assist features.

The hybrid version of the Lexus IS is cheaper to run than diesel rivals, thanks to its low CO2 emissions with its 2.5-litre

full hybrid powertrain posting emissions of just 99g/km. The penalty you pay is an annoying drone when you apply the pedal because of flat performance at low revs.

The sub-100g/km CO2 figure is achieved by the IS 300h SE model, fitted with 16-inch wheels, which means no annual road tax charge.

Cleaner performance is delivered by the other hybrid versions in the line-up too, both delivering emissions below 110g/km and qualifying for a zero charge in the first year of ownership.

To make the system work Lexus has produced a 141bhp/105kW electric motor and a newly developed 2.5-litre four-cylinder Atkinson cycle petrol engine that produces a maximum 178bhp/133kW.

For the techies that means the engine benefits from a new D-4S fuel injection system, Dual VVT-i intelligent variable valve timing and a high-efficiency exhaust gas recirculation system.

The rear wheels are driven through the hybrid powertrain's E-CVT transmission. Total system output is 220bhp/164kW, enabling nought to 62mph acceleration in 8.3 seconds and a 125mph top speed.

And the driver can modify the car's performance by selecting from three different drive modes: EV all-electric running, with the petrol engine switched off; Eco, for optimum fuel efficiency; Normal, and Sport, for sharper throttle response and a sportier steering setting.

The new IS range includes an F Sport model, which comes with sports-tuned suspension and electric power steering, as well as dedicated exterior and interior design features that distinguish it from the other models in the range.



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The car lacks the strong mid-range torque of turbocharged four-cylinder petrol units and diesels, so you need plenty of weight on the accelerator.

An automatic gearbox is standard and you will have no problems with the accurate steering, even if some rivals might offer a bit more precision.

The hybrid runs virtually silently on electric-only power, which I always find a little unsettling, and there is very little wind noise to help give that feeling of luxury.

You won't be stopping off at many petrol stations because the IS300h SE will give you 65mpg on the combined cycle.

Seating and comfort is as near to perfect as it gets. If you can't find a comfortable position well quite frankly it's your fault.

There's ample room for five with space to stretch out in both front and back. There's also ample boot space.

My one big complaint was the complexity of the car's infotainment set-up. It took a week behind the wheel to finally come to terms with exactly where everything was.

I would have expected to have to pay more for this car. Starting prices are at £26,495 with the range topping IS300h Premier coming in at £38,495. Those are competitive figures in this luxury sector.

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Ben rejoins and Joe is tops

The award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs of Newtown has strengthened the sales team at its Pool Road dealership.

Ben Davies has re-joined the company and new trainee addition Joe Pritchard has had a great start in his first full month with Arthurs Vauxhall.

"We are delighted to welcome Ben back to the fold and equally pleased that Joe has chalked up such a remarkable performance in his first month with us," said general sales manager Steve Hughes.

Bensaid: "I am delighted to be back at Arthurs where I wasn't unhappy in the first place. It was just that I felt a move was the right thing at the time."

"I realised I missed selling Vauxhall

cars, which not only are very modern and appealing, but also have the unique Vauxhall Lifetime Warranty and Vauxhall also offer the best marketing programmes such as the sensational 0 per cent over five years with no deposit offer.

"I am pleased to be re-joining Steve and the rest of the sales team at Arthurs of Newtown."

Chris Venables, assistant sales manager at the dealership, said: "We are glad Ben has decided to re-join our award-winning team."

"He recognises that we are going places, we have started 2014 fantastically, our new and used car sales are over double what we achieved in the same period last year!"

"He already has a good knowledge of the Vauxhall model range and I am

confident he will further strengthen our successful sales team."

"He was struck by the fact that we have again been awarded a 'Vauxhall Customer Excellence' award which is the highest award available to Vauxhall dealers for customer satisfaction."

Joe, 22, of Llanidloes, has joined as a trainee sales person and Steve Hughes said: "He has got off to a flying start and we are confident he has all the ability and the right attitude to make a career selling new and used cars, one of the pre-requisites of working at Arthurs is you have to have a genuine desire to give the customer first class service at all times and Joe meets this requirement."

Pictured above: Steve Hughes, Joe Pritchard, Ben Davies and Chris Venables.

C range offers options galore

The new Citroën C1 will go 'on sale' in the UK in July. Citroën's new city car offers three well-specified trim levels – Touch, Feel & Flair – with the new Airscape versions specified in Feel and Flair trim.

Available with three and five doors, the New C1 range starts at just £8,245 for the New C1 Touch VTI 68 manual 3-door, rising to £11,935 for the New C1 Airscape Flair VTI 68 ETG 5-door.

There will be eight body colours to choose from, including four metallic options, along with three wheel designs and four interior upholstery finishes. The fabric roof will be available

in three colours for the Airscape models (black, grey and sunrise red).

The New C1 range is powered by two latest-generation petrol engines: a VTI 68, available with either a 5-speed manual or a 5-speed clutchless Efficient Tronic Gearbox (ETG), or as an e-VTI 68 Airstream 5-speed manual with Stop & Start technology.

Standard

There is also the addition of Citroën's latest 3-cylinder 'PureTech' VTI 82 engine with a 5-speed manual transmission.

Generously equipped, the lead-in New Citroën C1 Touch standard specification includes ABS, EBA, ESP, power steering, high frequency remote central locking, electric front windows, six airbags, an MP3 compatible audio

system, a USB socket and LED daytime running lights.

New Citroën C1 Feel adds air conditioning, DAB digital radio, 7" Touch Drive interface with Mirror Screen technology and steering mounted controls, along with body coloured door mirrors and door handles.

The top of the range New Citroën C1 Flair sports 15" 'Planet' alloy wheels and additional features including a speed limiter, rev counter, reversing camera, electrically heated and adjustable door mirrors, a leather steering wheel and dark tinted rear windows. Optional extras include automatic air conditioning, automatic headlights, keyless entry and start and styling details such as black leather upholstery and various interior colour packs.



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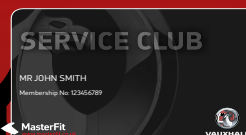
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Wrexler Roy	12	3	0	66	15	39						
Dawley Town	23	10	5	8	53	45	35					
Rock Rav	16	9	3	4	58	31	30					
Harwood R	17	7	2	6	48	22	29					
Clee Hill	17	8	4	4	43	30	29					
Oakengates R	21	8	3	10	37	50	27					
Brown Clee	18	7	2	9	47	40	23					
Oswestry Villa	21	6	4	11	46	55	22					
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Meole Brace	20	5	2	13	35	68	17					
Wrock Wd Jun	22	4	2	16	29	91	14					
Shawbury Res	21	4	2	15	24	86	14					
Shrewsbury Utd24	2	1	21	29	144	7						

DIVISION 1												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
Oswestry T	21	15	3	3	77	16	48					
Childs Ercall	18	15	0	3	85	14	45					
Bishop's C T	20	14	1	5	72	22	43					
Wrexler Roy	12	3	0	66	15	39						
Dawley Town	23	10	5	8	53	45	35					
Rock Rav	16	9	3	4	58	31	30					
Harwood R	17	7	2	6	48	22	29					
Clee Hill	17	8	4	4	43	30	29					
Oakengates R	21	8	3	10	37	50	27					
Brown Clee	18	7	2	9	47	40	23					
Oswestry Villa	21	6	4	11	46	55	22					
Oswestry Villa	21	6	4	11	46	55	22					
Meole Brace	20	5	2	13	35	68	17					
Wrock Wd Jun	22	4	2	16	29	91	14					
Shawbury U R	21	4	2	15	24	86	14					
Shrewsbury Utd24	2	1	21	29	144	7						

Spar Mid Wales League DIVISION 1												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
Llindod Wells	20	13	3	2	79	13	52					
Llanfair Utd	21	16	3	2	57	20	51					
Berriew	20	16	1	3	66	20	49					
Carno	20	15	2	3	66	24	47					
Aberaron	23	13	4	6	54	37	43					
Waterloo	25	13	4	8	63	44	43					
Llansantffraid	25	11	3	11	61	61	36					
Four Crosses	22	8	3	11	45	61	27					
Montgomery	22	7	3	12	60	24	24					
Bow Street	21	6	3	12	32	63	21					
Aber Uni	22	6	2	14	46	56	20					
Welshpool	23	5	2	16	29	63	14					
Twynn B	18	4	0	14	33	57	8					
Dyffryn Banw	18	2	4	12	25	58	10					
Builth Wells	20	2	15	31	61	9						

DIVISION 2												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
Rhosgoch	14	12	0	2	52	14	36					
Knighiton	15	9	4	2	40	14	31					
Machynlleth	12	8	1	3	32	26	25					
Hay St Marys	13	4	3	3	41	24	24					
Abermule	14	6	1	7	17	20	19					
Prestigine	12	4	4	4	25	23	16					
Kerry	16	3	5	8	26	44	16					
N'bridge-on-W	14	2	4	8	20	43	10					
Talgarth	12	3	7	14	20	9						
Bont	16	1	5	10	16	49	8					

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Domesies												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
Black Lion A	21	13	3	5	78	48	29					
Cross Foxes	21	10	7	4	74	52	27					
Black Lion B	21	8	8	5	70	56	24					
Station	21	6	6	6	68	58	24					
Bradford Arms	21	9	6	6	68	67	24					
Pias Yn Dinas	22	9	6	7	69	63	24					
Penybont Inn	22	7	10	5	69	63	24					
Top White Lion	21	8	8	5	64	62	22					
Horsehoe	21	6	7	6	60	62	22					
White Lion	21	4	11	6	61	65	19					
Black Horse	22	3	10	10	56	76	15					
Railway Tavern	21	3	5	10	76	11						
Barley Mow	21	3	3	15	38	9						

Oswestry & District Snooker League DIVISION 1												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
Ellesmere A	18	17	1	73	17	73						
Cefn RBL	18	16	2	63	27	63						
Corwen	18	13	5	59	31	59						
Ex Serv E	18	11	7	53	37	53						
Ruston	18	10	8	44	46	44						
Ex Serv C	18	7	11	37	53	37						
Llan Rata A	18	6	12	36	54	36						
Ex Serv A	18	3	15	28	58	32						
Crittins A	18	3	15	28	58	32						
Morda	18	4	14	25	65	25						

DIVISION 2							
	P	W	L	F	Ag	Pts	
Johnstown.....	18	14	4	63	27	63	
Ex Serv D.....	18	15	3	58	32	58	
Ellesmere B.....	18	12	6	57	33	57	
Ifton.....	18	11	7	53	37	53	
Crittins B.....	18	12	6	52	38	52	
Glyn Cerrig B.....	18	9	9	49	41	49	
Llanhaeadr B.....	18	8	10	44	46	44	
Four Crosses.....	18	3	15	31	59	31	
Ex Serv B.....	18	4	14	30	60	30	
Llangynog.....	18	2	16	13	77	13	

Setback for Morda with costly slip on the road

MORDA United's title hopes in the Meridian Regional League premier division suffered a jolt as they slumped 4-1 at FC Hodnet to lose ground on the leading pack, writes **JOHN BRIDGE-WATER**.

Despite being just one goal down at the interval, the Weston Road men conceded three in the second half and had just a late consolation goal from Chris Bishop to show for their efforts.

The visitors turned in a lacklustre first half display and went behind as early as the sixth minute when Danny Farmer opened the scoring for Hodnet with a header but, despite below par, they conceded no further goals in the first half.

Still in with a chance of a comeback at the break, hopes of a revival faded once they conceded a second eight minutes after the restart when Aaron Evans doubled the home lead.

Adam Evans then hit Hodnet's third before Archie Walkerdine headed home their fourth before Bishop claimed a late reply when finding the net from six yards.

Crucial

Boss Craig Rogers will be banking on an improved display when Morda make the short journey to Weston Rhyn in the quarter final of the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup on Saturday.

WESTON RHYN boosted their hopes of escaping the basement with a crucial 2-1 win at fellow strugglers Bridgnorth Reserves, that lifted them to fourth from bottom.

Matt Owen's men had the better of the first half, and went into the interval with a two goal advantage after breaking through a high line of defence.

Guy Guilford got the first when cutting in from the left, and Owen then doubled the advantage when lacking onto a through ball to lift the ball past the advancing keeper.

Rhyn had chances to have added to their tally in the first period but had to defend after the break, playing up the hill, but held firm as they restricted their hosts to just one reply.

With five games left, they will be hopeful of staying clear of the basement places, but now turn their thoughts to cup matters when they host local rivals Morda United in the quarter-final of the Shropshire Challenge Cup on Saturday afternoon.



Ryan Kershaw's extra-time winner hits the net for TNS' U19s. Pic: Brian Jones.

TNS U19s book Youth Cup final ticket

AN extra time goal from Ryan Kershaw saw The New Saints under-19s book their ticket for the FAW Welsh Youth Cup final with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Llandudno at Denbigh.

The midfielder found the net in the 103rd minute to set up a final clash with holders Swansea City who have lifted the trophy for the past four seasons.

Guils' hat-trick of losses

GUILDSFIELD paid the price for another sluggish start as they suffered their third defeat in a row in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after being downed 2-0 at home high flying Cefn Druids.

The Guils were two goals down at the break, with former TNS forward Craig Whitfield getting the first after capitalising on a defensive slip in the swirling wind.

And Matt Burton's men were caught a second time on the half hour after losing the ball in midfield, allowing Mike Pritchard to run through to fire home.

Pritchard was then sent off for foul and abusive language just before half time, and Guilsfield enjoyed more of the game in the second period with the extra man.

However, they struggled to find a way through a towering Druids defensive line that held firm.

The Guils did go close, though, with Jack Harris and Matt Fletcher both hitting the woodwork in a spirited second half display.

Rock bottom LLANRHAEDR are on the brink of the drop after going down 2-0 at Porthmadog, who took the spoils with a couple of goals either side of half time from Craig Papirnyk.

The first came from a header following a corner on the stroke of the interval, before the same player hammer home a terrific second four minutes into the second half.

The villagers kept battling away and went close with Josh Wood and Nathan Prodger failing to capitalise on one-on-one chances, but Port were deserving victors.

Saturday's fixtures (2.30): Buckley Town v Guilsfield, Caersŵs v Llandudno, Cefn Druids v Penrhynoch, Conwy Borough v Caernarfon, Holyhead v Llanidloes Town, Porthmadog v Penycae, Rhayader Town v Flint Town Utd, Rhydymwyn v Llanrhaeadr.

Rampant Rangers hit 11

AFTER safely reaching the Umbro Shropshire FA Youth Cup semi-final with a resounding 11-0 victory against Meole Brace, Ellesmere's youth team made further cup progress by disposing of Boldmere St Michaels 4-0 in their delayed Midland Floodlit Youth League Cup third round tie.

The visitors gave a good account of themselves in the early exchanges as Ellesmere struggled to get into any rhythm, but once skipper Jay Stoker had converted a 34th minute penalty after Jack Gaddes had been fouled the Swans never looked back.

Gaddes doubled the advantage in the 41st minute after an excellent run was capped with a good finish from the edge of the box.

Stoker then hammered the loose ball home on the stroke of half-time from a Josh Parker centre to send Rangers in 3-0 up at the interval.

Ellesmere sealed the victory early in the second period with Will Twyford finishing to set up a fourth round tie with Redditch.

"Boldmere were a very physical side but we coped well with that and once we got in front we controlled the game," said manager Dan Stevens. "It keeps us going in five competitions which is exciting for the club."

Ellesmere's first team continue to play catch-up on their hectic West Midlands League premier division programme as a result of so many postponements.

Rangers, who were due to travel to Smethwick last night (Wednesday), head to fourth placed Wolverhampton Casuals on Saturday before hosting Willenhall Town at Beech Grove this coming Tuesday (7.45pm).

It will be a quick return fixture against Willenhall following last weekend's 1-1 away draw.

Ellesmere are playing catch-up on fixture list

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Chances

The Lockmen, currently stuck in the bottom three, struck first but Delwyn Humphreys's men stuck away one of the few chances they created to salvage a point.

Rangers went into the game on a high note after beating Wem Town 2-1 in the second County Cup semi-final under the lights at the Shrewsbury Sports Village last Wednesday night.

Sub Dan Graham grabbed the winner four minutes from time after Josh Brown had cancelled out an early lead given to Wem by Christian Oldham's penalty.

Ellesmere now have a final against AFC Bridgnorth to look forward to.

Midland Floodlit Youth League

PREMIER DIVISION NORTH										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Hinckley Utd.....	11	10	1	0	44	9	31			
Romulus.....	13	8	2	3	38	24	26			
Rugby T.....	13	7	2	4	28	18	23			
Ellesmere R.....	10	7	2	1	23	12	23			
Newcastle T.....	15	6	4	5	23	24	22			
AFC Wulfs.....	15	6	2	7	28	29	20			
Hednesford T.....	14	4	3	7	20	25	15			
AFC Telford.....	13	2	9	14	32	8				
B'mere SM.....	12	2	2	8	12	30	8			
Greenhill.....	14	1	4	9	13	40	7			

Sides share ten goals at Park Hall



Heads up – St Martins player Karl Bailey is first to the ball during the West Midlands League game against Haughmond. Pictures: Peter Shah.



St Martin's Sam Nash gives Haughmond player Louis Irvine the slip

Saints suffer defeat

ST MARTINS slipped back into relegation danger in the West Midlands League division one after going down 7-3 to promotion-chasing Haughmond at Park Hall.

Looking to bounce back from their disappointing 2-0 home loss to bottom club Wolverhampton United two weeks earlier, the Saints paid the price for some defensive slips in the first half.

They were unlucky to go behind when Louie Irvine ran through to score despite appearing to handle, but they hit back midway through the first half when Karl Bailey was put clear by Sam Thomas' pass while Bailey then added a second with an excellent chip from a Sam Nash cross.

But Haughmond levelled when Steve Towers' shot was tipped onto the bar by keeper Paul Foster, and Harry Murphy headed the rebound into his own net.

Tom Hewitt nodded a third for the visitors, while it was 4-2 at the break keeper Foster saw his clearance rebound into the net off incoming striker Steve Rogers. Joe Parry made it 5-2 after the interval, but the Saints were given a glimmer of hope when Josh Sumner reduced the arrears. However, Haughmond wrapped up the points.

With three games left, St Martins have no action this weekend, before returning the duty the following Saturday with a trip to Mahal.

Market are crowned futsal kings

ATHLETICO Market have clinched the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League's Futsal tournament, beating Cross Foxes 6-3 in the title decider.

Earlier, Athletico overcame a spirited Dudleston Heath side 3-1 with Karl Bailey scoring a hat-trick, but their hero was between the posts in goalkeeper Sam Johnstone who made several excellent saves. Mark Evans replied for Dudleston.

That win set up the decider between the top two unbeaten teams, Cross Foxes and Athletico Market.

Bailey scored twice to give the Market a 2-0 lead with Carl Harris pulling one back.

Josh Sumner restored the Market's two goal cushion just before half time, before Bailey completed his hat-trick to make it 4-1. Harris pulled one back with his second goal, but Will Gilbert made it 5-2 before Ed Rogers netted for Foxes.

However, Bailey had the final say when scoring his fourth and Market's sixth just before the final whistle.

Again, the Market's hero was keeper Johnstone.

Its backer outside on Sunday with 11-a-side action in the first round of the League Cup.

Fixtures: Tavern v Dudleston Heath, Athletic Market v Lodge Inn, Cross Foxes v Oak Inn, Malpas v The Keys.

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Llanfair ready for Berriew cruncher

LLANFAIR United bid to underline their title credentials in the Spar Mid Wales League division one in Saturday's crunch home clash with Berriew, writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

The two sides are locked in second spot, with Llanfair just above on goal difference but having played a game more – while trailing leaders Llandrindod Wells by just two points.

So the stakes are high in a big game for the two sides, with both maintaining their title pursuit with victories last weekend, Llanfair winning 4-0 at Bow Street and Berriew overcoming Waterloo Rovers 4-1 at Maesdyre. "It's a big week for us," said United boss Rhys Stephens. "There's now four teams in the title race, and there's still a long way to go. "We've all got to play a lot of big games, and it's likely to go down to the wire. We've just got to keep on winning."

Llanfair continued their fine campaign by maintaining their quest for the Central Wales Cup with a 1-0 win at Caersws on Tuesday night.

After back-to-back defeats, WATERLOO ROVERS bid to get back on track when they head to relegation threatened Dyffryn Banw, while fourth bottom WELSHPOOL face a tricky trip to in-for Carno as they bid to lift their basement clouds.

Full fixture list for Saturday: Aberaeron v Four Crosses, Carno v Welshpool, Dyffryn Banw v Waterloo, Llandrindod Wells v Llansainfrail Village, Llanfair Utd v Berriew, Montgomery v Builth Wells, Tywyn Brynrcrug v Bow Street.

Davies wins in Liverpool

MALDWYN Harrier Andrew Davies maintained his impressive form by taking victory in the Liverpool Half Marathon.

His sub-70 minute time kept the Forden ace in the running for qualification to this summer's Commonwealth Games marathon. Around 8,500 runners took to the streets of Liverpool.

Davies led the way with a winning time of 69:52, and was presented his trophy by Liverpool boss Brendan Rogers who had started the race.

Other Maldwyn Harriers competing were veteran Lenny Hughes (1:43:07) and Claire Abel (1:54:16).

South African all-rounder signs on at Morda Road

TWO more new signings have further strengthened Oswestry's hand as the Morda Road men gear up for the start of the Birmingham Cricket League next month, writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

South African teenager Darren Papier and fellow all-rounder Matthew Gregson, formerly of Shrewsbury, have both confirmed they will in Oswestry's ranks this season.

Their arrival at Morda Road follows hard on the heels of England under-19 wicketkeeper-batsmen Joe Clarke, and his two brothers Robbie and Ollie, along with Shropshire opening bowler Dan Bowen.

Club captain Mike Robinson believes the new arrivals will more than compensate for the loss of left arm opening bowler Jonathan Miles, and will put them in good shape for the challenges ahead following their promotion to the first division.

"While we were disappointed to lose Jonathan, we're more the happy with the acquisitions we have made for the coming season which will give us plenty of options," he said.

"Playing in division one next season is a really exciting prospect, there's a real buzz about the place as it's a massive step up and it's going to be a far stiffer test for us."

Oswestry's season gets underway on Saturday, April 12, when they host Penkridge in the Graham Williamson Trophy, and they entertain either Wolverhampton

or Wombourne in the same competition a week later. Their first league action in division one – following back to back promotions – is on Saturday, April 26 at home to Barnst Green.

Oswestry missed out on their initial target of an unnamed paceman from South Africa, but are confident that 18-year-old Papier can make his mark as a middle order batsman and seam bowler. He has played for the highly rated Bolland under-19s in the Western Cape province in his native South Africa.

Gregson, another teenager, is currently playing in Australia, but is expected to be back in time for the first league game. Having previously figured for Shrewsbury,

he is noted as a hard-hitting batsman and a slow left arm bowler, and is particularly effective in the short form of the game.

The duo will join England teenage cricketer Joe Clarke – who recently represented his country in the under-19s World Cup – who is back at the border club after two seasons with county rivals Wellington.

The 17-year-old wicket keeper-batsman will further bolster the line-up along with Shropshire and Whitechurch opening bowler Dan Bowen who signed from county rivals Whitechurch, a more than able replacement for the departing Jonathan Miles.

Meanwhile, young left arm spinner Charlie Morris has left Morda Road to join county rivals Shrewsbury.

Sinden is unbeaten after win on points

WELSHPOOL'S Warren Sinden picked up his third straight win and remains undefeated as a professional boxer after victory on Saturday night.

The 24-year-old light middleweight battled past the challenge of Norwich's Duane Green at the Tower Ballrooms in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

A cagey opening round had passed before the former two-time Welsh ABA champion suddenly sprang into life come the second session.

Sinden spun into a right hook on the turn that shook Green up but he couldn't follow that up with a flurry of punches, keeping his jab to himself.

He shared a round with Green, who kept on coming and comfortably made the final bell, although he was widely behind 40-37 on referee Gareth Morris' card.

In the unpaid ranks, Ludlow Boxing Club's Terry Smith dreams of a national title in the England Schoolboys competition came to an abrupt end.

He bowed out of the competition at the national quarter-final stage in Class B, for fighters born in 2000, at 59kg after defeat to Barnsley Star's William Hartly.

Sidethrown out of cup

LLANRHAEAADR have been thrown out of the Central Wales Cup for fielding an ineligible player in their 4-0 third round win against Montgomery.

Confusion over the conference date for signing players meant that forward Nathan Prodder appeared for the villagers in the third round tie to contravene competition rules, and Monty have since lodged a protest.

The case went before the Central Wales FA, with Monty now going through to entertain Aberystwyth University in the fourth round.

WORLD CUP STAR BACK AT EAGLES

by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY'S rugby players will get a helping hand from a World Cup winner as they bid to get back to winning ways in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two this weekend.

Former England forward Neil Back will be at the club's Granville Park ground for Saturday's testing home clash with promotion chasing Ormskirk.

The World Cup winning flanker will arrive at the club well before the 3pm kick-off to assist with the pre-match preparations including the team talk and warm-up.

He will be on the touchline throughout the game offering his thoughts on tactics and looking to inspire the Eagles to a solid performance against third placed Ormskirk.

His visit this Saturday comes after the club won an RFU competition to be one of four clubs across England to receive training from the QBE sponsored "Hit Squad."

Back came to Granville Park recently to take control of a training session, which was followed by a question and answer session in the clubhouse.

Delighted

He now returns to assist head coach Gaz Barrett prepare the side for the game, and the club hope his presence can rub off as they bid to bounce back from last week's 29-15 home defeat to Bowdon in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two. They have now lost four of their last five outings.

"We are delighted to welcome Neil to Oswestry once again, he took a very good training session during his last visit, which definitely made the lads think about the game in a different way," said club chairman Steve Charnley. "I hope that he can sprinkle some of his World Cup winning magic on the team once again."

Supporters are being encouraged to attend the game, but are asked not to disrupt Back's coaching and pre-match set-up. He will be available in the bar after the match to meet fans for pictures and autographs.

Welshpool ladies training

WELSHPOOL Ladies and Girls Football side return to training next week. The club are also forming new girls teams at under-14, under-16 as well as a new ladies side.

Training starts on Tuesday, April 1 at the Flash Leisure Centre from 6.30pm-8pm and is open to girls over 12 and ladies. Contact Aled Williams via text on 07974 176663.

Wilde at double as New Saints close in on title



Head boy – TNS' Mike Wilde get between two defender to score against Newtown. Picture: Kevin Hughes.

HEAD coach Carl Darlington says the players will need no motivation as The New Saints look to tighten their grip on the Welsh Premier in Friday night's home clash with Rhyl (7.45).

With title rivals Airbus UK suffering a shock 2-1 home defeat to lowly GAP Connah's Quay in midweek, the Saints can now move six points clear should they prevail at Park Hall.

With two games in hand on the Wingmakers, a record breaking

eightth title is firmly in sight for the defending champions who remain unbeaten at home this season.

"It's another important game for us, and there will be no need to motivate the players as they all know what it means to themselves, to the team and the club," said Darlington.

Should TNS win tonight, they will need at most seven points from their remaining five games to clinch the title, but six points would be enough

as they have a far superior goal difference.

The leaders maintained their winning streak with a hard-earned 2-1 win at Newtown last Saturday to ensure they stayed well clear of Airbus.

Defender Kai Edwards and Chris Seargeant should be pushing for places in the starting line up after shaking off recent knocks, while Ryan Fraughan could be in contention after getting over a bruised foot.

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